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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 1, 2024
Currey,SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Most genealogists try to stay in contact with their aunts, uncles and cousins. Who among them made the most effort to stay in contact your family? Did they write, use the telephone, send cards or gifts? Did they visit you, and/or did you visit them?

Let's take a moment to imagine this scenario:

- Your mother passed away when you were just 10 years old.
- You never knew your grandparents because they had died before you were born.
- After your mother's death, your younger brother and baby sister were 'given' to other families.
- You and your two older sisters were placed in a children's home.

Now, remember that in an era before telephones were widely accessible, the primary way to communicate with family members was by writing letters.

This was the reality my grandmother faced in 1913. Despite the challenges and the ease with which family connections could have been lost, my grandmother's family managed to stay in touch and eventually reunite. The siblings all made their way to Arizona for a family reunion. In the picture, you can see Herbert, Myrtle, Mary, Winnie, Earnest, and Alma Currey, arranged from left to right in order of age, from the oldest to the youngest.

Moreover, my grandmother's dedication to letter writing helped her maintain connections with some of her parent's siblings. Below is a letter from her aunt, written after the death of my grandmother's son, showcasing the enduring bonds of family despite the hardships they faced.

Long Beach Cal.
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My Dear Niece and Nephew
It is with a heavy heart I write you these few lines.
I was so shocked when I read Almas letter, just could not believe it was true, but Dear Ones just remember that he is in Gods hands and nothing can harm him now.
He cannot come to you but you can go to him and none know just how soon that will be.
May God in his love + mercy be very near to you in these days,
You know to be absent from the body is to be present with him our God and Savior, Please when you feel like writing let me hear when you do all my love Aunt Dora.

James Alexander Will

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 2, 2024
Botetourt County,Crawford

Are you using FamilySearch's experimental labs? If so, have you ever come across a document that identifies various family members but can't connect them to a specific family tree? I recently found a 1774 will of James Alexander in Botetourt County, Virginia, which mentions Mary Crawford, Samuel Crawford, and Joseph Snodgrass. The inclusion of a Snodgrass suggests a potential link to my Crawford research.

Unfortunately, I haven't been able to connect any of the individuals named in the will to any existing trees on FamilySearch. I'm sharing this document in the hope that someone familiar with this family might help me identify who Mary and Samuel Crawford are.

Botetourt County VA

Will Book A, 1770-1800

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In the Name of God Amen I James Alexander of Botetourt
County and Colony of Virginia being in perfect health
in Body and perfect Mind and Memory ; Thanks be given
unto God , calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body
and knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die
I do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament
that is to say principally and first of all I give & recom
mend my soul into the Hands of Almighty God that
give it and my Body I commend to the Earth nothing doubting
but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same
again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly
Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this
Life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following
Manner and Form -First of all my just and legal Debts to
be paid out of my Estate by my Executors : for which I appoint

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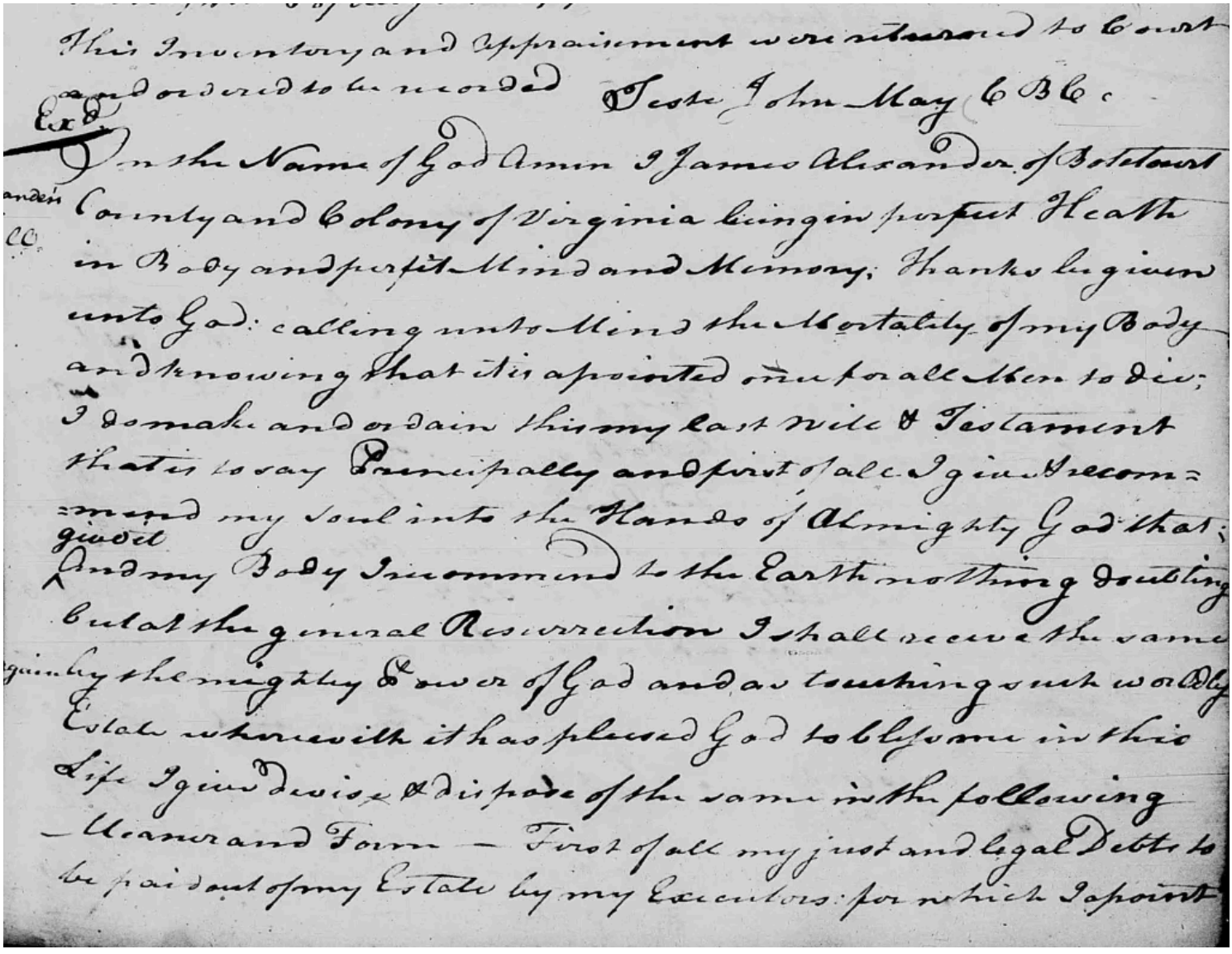
Samuel Crawford and Jonathan Park [Tosh]sole Executors of
my Estate . First of all I give to Mary Crawford one Tract
of Land lying on Round Oak River containing one hun
dred and fifty akers likewise I do give to my Cousin James
Tosh one Tract of Land lying on Back Creek containing
two hundred and twenty Ackers and I also my Executors
to make Deeds for the above mentioned Lands likewise
I have so my Cousin Sarah [Heathy] one white Pacing Mare
and her Colt I also my Uncle James Kearkey for so be
aquited all Debts one some likewise for many oblidgements
received by me from Mary Tosh Daughter to Thomas
Tosh In Recompence I have her one sorrel Pasing Sta
lian after satisfying my Debts out of the remaining
part of my Estate I alow the remaining part of my
Estate to be divided amongst Samuel Crawford , Wm
Meason Joseph Meason Jonathan Tosh Jane Tosh James
Eager Joseph Snodgrass . Whereas I so alow this to be my
last will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & seal this twenty fourth Day of August in the
year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy four
Signed sealed published & pronounced
James Alexander (seal)
by the said James Alexander as his last

Will & Testament in presence of us
Jonathan Tosh Thos Tosh Saml Walker
At a Court held for Botetourt County the 9th of May 1775 This
Instrument of writing was presented in Court by the Exors
herein named as & for the last Will & Testament of James
Alexander decd & proved by the Oath of Saml Walker as Witness
and ordered to be recorded An on the motion of the sd Exrs
who made oath & entered into bond aug to Law with Henry
Paulling & Philip Lowe their Secy in $ 500 Cert is granted
them for obtaining a Probate hereof in due form
Excd Test John May CBC


This Inventory and Appraisement was returned to Court
and ordered to be recorded Teste John May C B C.
Ex'd
In the Name of God Amen I James Alexander of Botetourt
County and Colony of Virginia being in perfect Health
in Body and perfect Mind and Memory, thanks be given
unto God: calling unto Mind the Mortality of my Body
and knowing that it is appointed once for all Men to die;
I do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament
that is to say Principally and first of all I give Recom-
-mend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God that
gave it
And my Body I recommend to the Earth nothing doubting
but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same
again by the mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly
Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this
Life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following
Manner and Form — First of all my just and legal Debts to
be paid out of my Estate by my Executors: for which I appoint

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Samuel Crawford and Jonathan Tosh sole Executors of my Estate. First of all I give to Mary Crawford one Tract of Land lying on Round Oak River containing one hundred and fifty Akers likewise I do give to my Cousin James Tosh one Tract of Land lying on Bark Creek containing two hundred and twenty Akers and I also give my Executors to make Deeds for the above mentioned Lands likewise I have to my Cousin Sarah Heathy one white Pacing Mare and her Colt. I also give my Uncle James Heathy forty to be acquited all Debts due to me likewise for many obligements received by me from Mary Tosh Daughter to Thomas Tosh In Recompence I have hir one sorrel Pasing Stallion after satisfying my Debts out of the remaining Part of my Estate I also the remaining Part of my Estate to be devided amongst Samuel Crawford. Wm Mason Joseph Mason Jonathan Tosh Jane Tosh James Eager Joseph Snodgrass. Whereas I do allow this to be my last Will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this twenty fourth Day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy four

Signed sealed published & pronounced by the said James Alexander as his last Will & Testament in presence of us } James Alexander [Seal]

Jonathan Tosh Thos Tosh Sam. Walker

At a Court held for Rockbridge County the 9th of May 1775 This Instrument of writing was presented in Court by the Exors therein named and for the last Will & Testament of James Alexander Dec.d & proved by the Oath of Sam.l Walker a Witness and at another Court held for the said County the 12th Nov.r 1775 The same was proved by the Oath of Thos Tosh another Witness and ordered to be recorded. And on the Motion of the said Exors who made Oath & entered into Bond acc.d to Law with Henry Paulling & Philip Love their Sec.s Jn.o £500 Cert.e is granted them for obtaining a Probat hereof in due Form

Exd

Test John May CBC

owen's The Parsonage [illegible]

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 3, 2024
Nemaha County,Purple Heart

Emmett Stueve

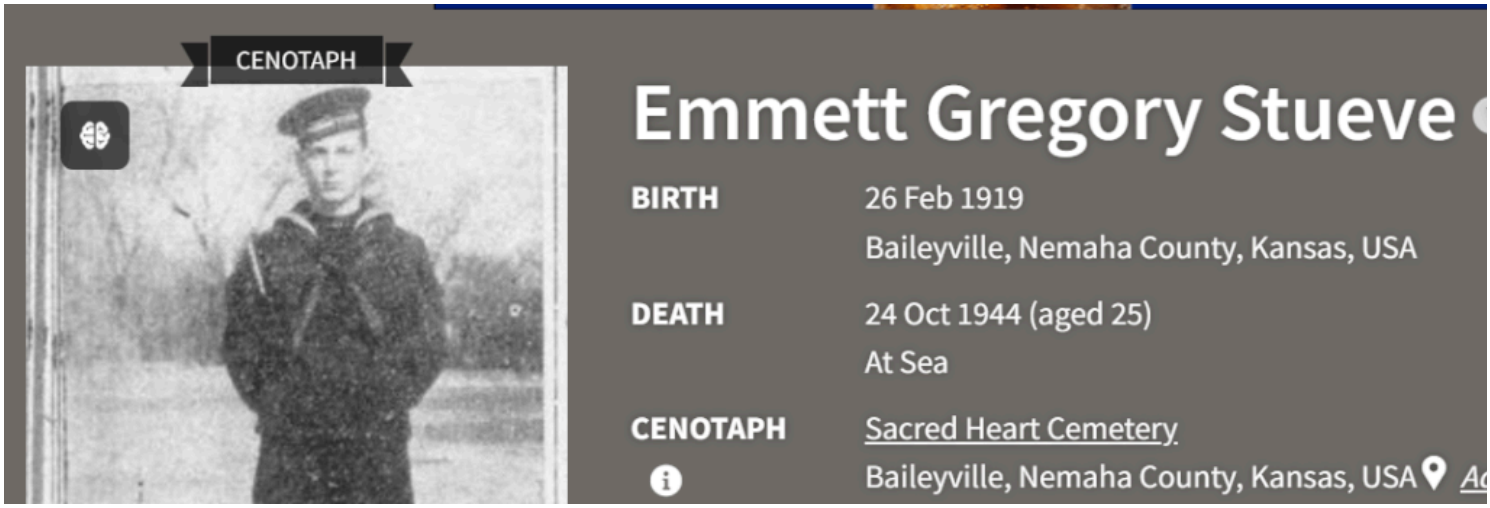
Emmett Gregory Stueve was born on February 26, 1919, in Baileyville, Kansas. He enlisted in the United States Navy on January 15, 1940, and began his military career with great dedication, ultimately becoming a Pharmacist's Mate Third Class. His service led him to the Philippines, where he was stationed at the Cavite Naval Yard as part of the 16th Naval District.

When World War II intensified in the Pacific, Emmett was caught in the thick of the conflict. After the fall of Bataan in April 1942, the Japanese forces turned their attention to the island of Corregidor, where many American and Filipino soldiers, including Emmett, were stationed. Despite the fierce resistance, Corregidor fell to the Japanese on May 6, 1942, and Emmett was taken as a prisoner of war (POW).

Emmett's family received sporadic and limited communication from him while he was a POW. His messages were often censored, but they conveyed his resilience and concern for his family. He reported that his health was good despite the harsh conditions of imprisonment. He was held in various POW camps, including the infamous Bilibid Prison in Manila, where he and many other POWs endured severe hardships.

Tragically, Emmett's ordeal ended in October 1944 when he was among the 1,800 American POWs aboard the Japanese transport ship Arisan Maru. On October 24, 1944, the Arisan Maru was torpedoed by an American submarine, unaware that the ship carried Allied POWs. The sinking of the Arisan Maru resulted in one of the largest single losses of American life at sea, with only a few survivors. Emmett Gregory Stueve was not among them.

Emmett's death was confirmed months later, and he was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. His family, who had held out hope for his return, was devastated by the news. Memorial services were held in his honor, and he was remembered for his bravery and dedication. Though lost at sea, Emmett's memory lives on, commemorated by a cenotaph at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Baileyville, Kansas, where his family and community honor his sacrifice.



Here are the sources used to create the narrative about Emmett Gregory Stueve:

1. Marshall County News, 1945-07-05

- Information about Emmett Stueve being listed as missing and eventually confirmed as deceased.

1. The Axtell Standard, 1945-07-05

- Details on Emmett's military service, his time as a prisoner of war, and his death during the sinking of the Arisan Maru.

1. The Marysville Advocate, 1945-08-23

- Reports on the letters received by Emmett's family during his imprisonment and the eventual confirmation of his death.

1. The Axtell Standard, 1945-06-28

- Additional details about the messages Emmett sent while in captivity and the circumstances of his death.

1. The Marysville Advocate, 1945-07-05

- Information on the memorial services held in Emmett's honor after his death was confirmed.

1. The Axtell Standard, various dates

- Various articles covering Emmett's military career, his capture, and his time as a POW.

1. The Marysville Advocate, 1945-08-23

- Further details on the communications received from Emmett during his time as a POW and the posthumous recognition he received.

ChatGPT was used to transcribe the newspaper articles, write the narrative, compile the list of sources and write a meta description.

Early Botetourt Virginia Marriages

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 4, 2024
Botetourt County,Crawford,Virginia

Have you ever used resources from GenWeb Archives or contributed to them? With the availability of digitized records on FamilySearch and Ancestry, it's easy to overlook the valuable resources available through GenWeb Archives. I was recently reminded of this while trying to identify individuals mentioned in the 1776 will of James Alexander from Botetourt County, Virginia.

A Google search for +"Samuel Crawford" +"Jonathan Tosh" +"James Alexander" +Botetourt +Virginia led me to a GenWeb Archive page that indexed marriage records from the *Annals of Southwest Virginia*. Although this index doesn't include information on the three Crawford families from Garrard County, Virginia, it does provide marriage dates for many members of the FAN (Friends, Associates, and Neighbors) club.

Marriage Date – Groom – Bride – Parents

1789 Anderson, James Mary Ann Tathum John Tathum
1790 Anderson, James Agnes Dean
1797 Anderson, James Ann Sharkey
1775 Anderson, John Rebecca Maxwell
1791 Anderson, John Ann McClure
1791 Anderson, John Anne Awl
1800, July 22 Anderson, John Martha Broadwater
1780 Anderson, Joseph Sarah Beau
1793 Anderson, Joseph Catherine Wedgon
1802, Apr. 2 Anderson, Robt. Elizabeth Lemmon
1784 Anderson, Thos. Rebecca McClure

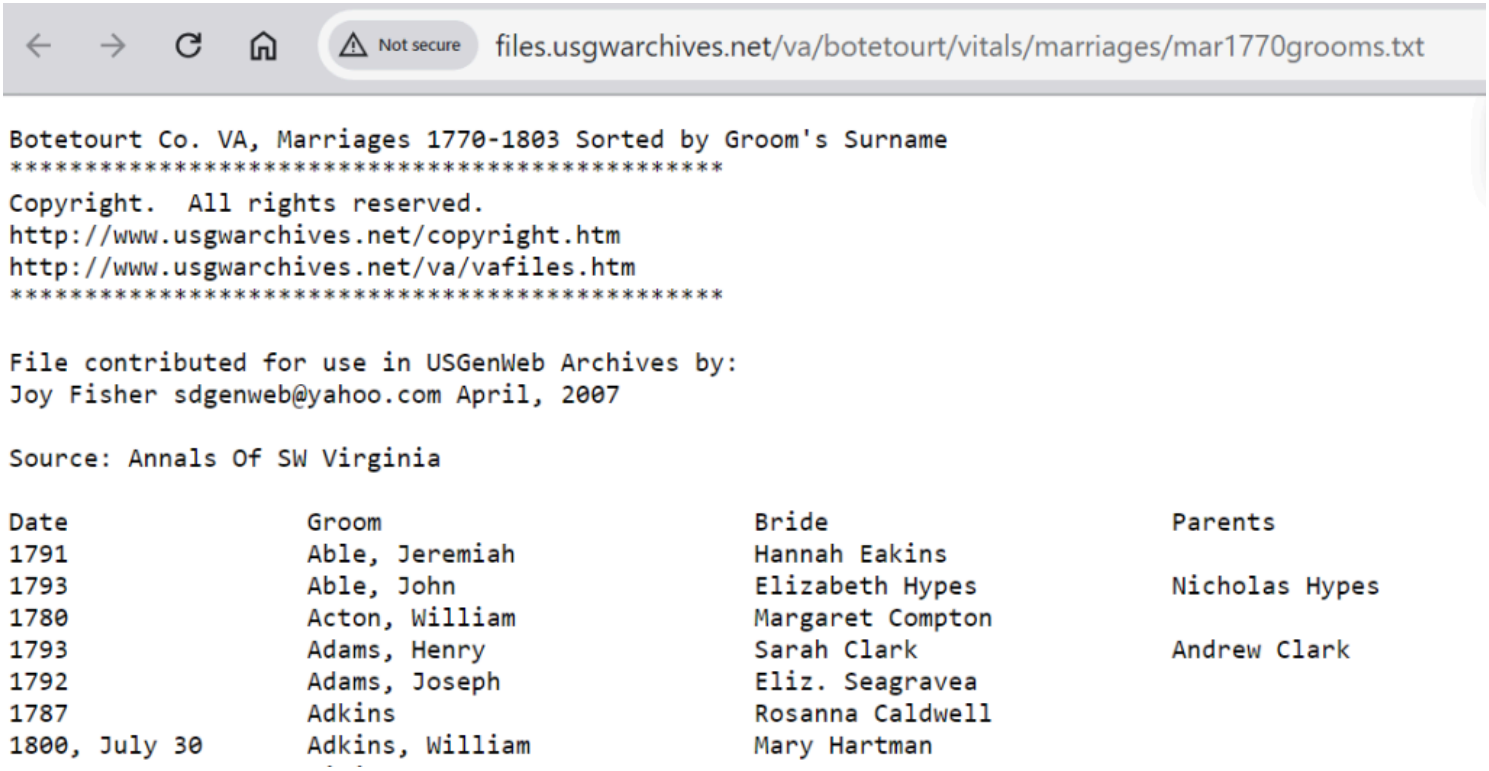
1794 Crawford, Alexander Elizabeth McClure
1788 Crawford, Andrew Euphies Batey
1793 Crawford, English Mary Caldwell
1786 Crawford, Jas. Sarah Vansant Sarah Vansant
1791 Crawford, Jas. Jean Poage Jean Poage
1797 Crawford, Jas. Eleanor Hunter
1794 Crawford, Nimrod Elizabeth Gray Jas. Gray
1771 Crawford, Samuel Jane Mason
1798, July 31 Crawford, Samuel Polly Dudden
1790 Crawford, Thos. Ann McNeely Wm. McNeely
1786 Crawford, Wm. Martha Cooper
1788, Apr. 20 Crawford, Wm. Margaret Dean

1788 Douglas, John Ann Morris

1792, Oct. 24 Maxwell, William Elizabeth Vansant

1790 Snodgraas, James Eliz. Fulton Daniel Fulton
1801, Jan. 26 Snodgrass, Henry Jean Mann Mary & Nathan Mann
1800, May 1 Snodgrass, Isaak Jean Preston
1787 Snodgrass, Joseph Susanna Snodgrass Jas. & Mary Snod.
1798 Snodgrass, Joseph Jannet Craddock Jos. S. Wm. Craddock
1799, June 26 Snodgrass, William Peggy Divin
1801, May 9 Snodgrass, William Esther Walker William Walker Richard Morris

1784 Vausant, Elijah Elinor Nelson
1783 Vausant, Iseah Margaret Thompson
1788 Vausant, Lisha Mary Crawford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Botetourt Co. VA, Marriages 1770-1803 Sorted by Groom's Surname
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http://www.usgwarchives.net/copyright.htm
http://www.usgwarchives.net/va/vafiles.htm
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Joy Fisher sdgenweb@yahoo.com April, 2007
Source: Annals Of SW Virginia
Date Groom Bride Parents
1791 Able, Jeremiah Hannah Eakins
1793 Able, John Elizabeth Hypes Nicholas Hypes
1780 Acton, William Margaret Compton
1793 Adams, Henry Sarah Clark Andrew Clark
1792 Adams, Joseph Eliz. Seagravea
1787 Adkins Rosanna Caldwell
1800, July 30 Adkins, William Mary Hartman

While the *Annals of Southwest Virginia* is accessible on Ancestry, searching Ancestry for all three surnames—Crawford, Tosh, and Alexander—would have been challenging. That's why I'm grateful for the GenWeb resources, which can be easily found through a Google search using multiple surnames.

NOTE: ChatGPT was used to convert the marriage records that were copied/pasted into a document into a csv file. This AI tool as also used to improve the writing of this blog and to write the meta description.

Andrew Crawford Deed

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 5, 2024
Botetourt County,Crawford,Virginia

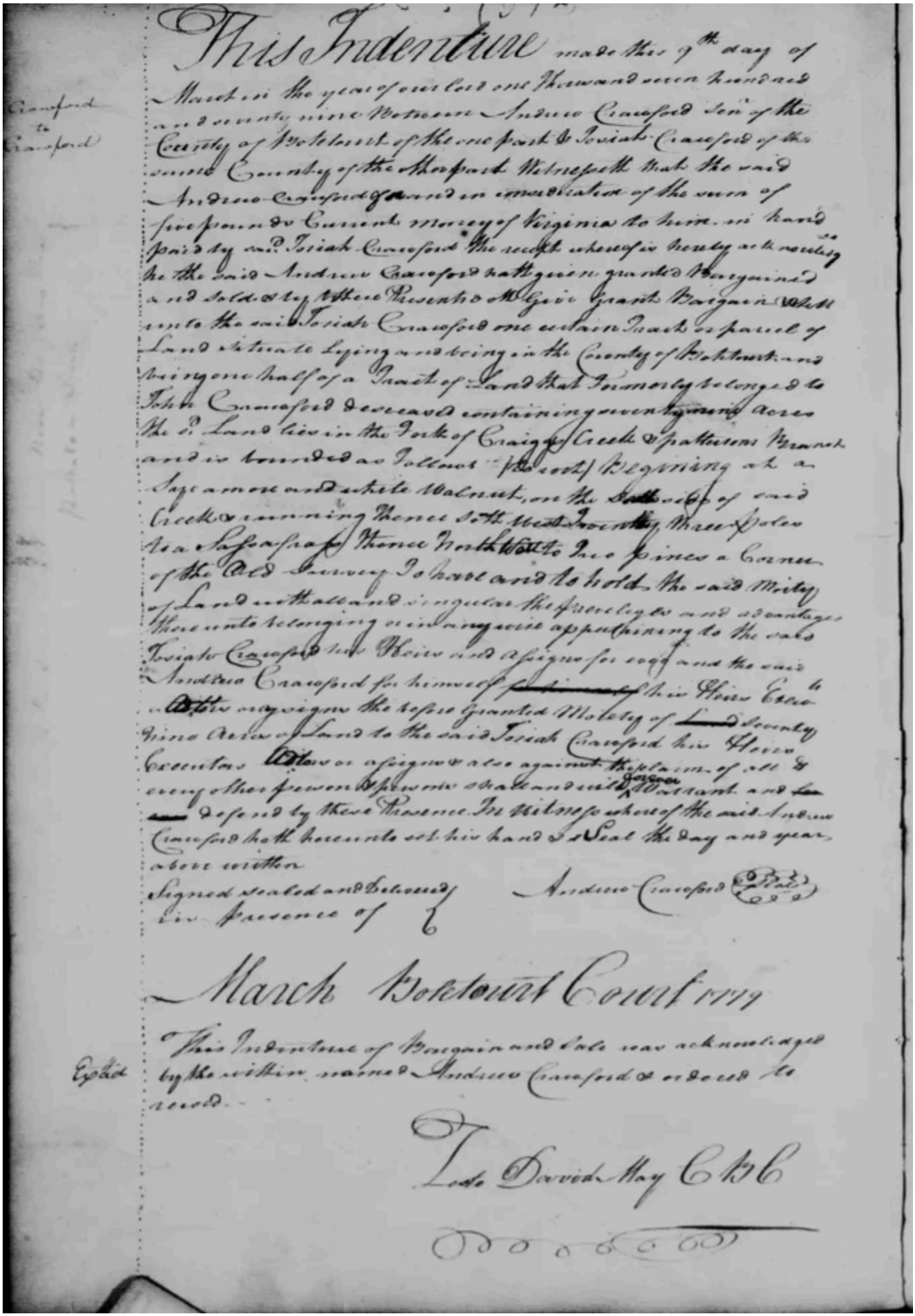
An examination of the Botetourt County, Virginia records revealed a deed in which Andrew Crawford sells a parcel of land to Josiah Crawford. According to the deed, this land was previously owned by John Crawford.

A search on the FamilySearch tree identified a possible family unit that aligns with the names mentioned in the deed:

- Father: John Crawford (1720-deceased) GH1S-F8M
- Son: Andrew Crawford (1740-1791) MWSF-GC6
- Son: Josiah Crawford (1741-1830) LWRH-2T5

However, without further research, it remains uncertain whether these individuals are indeed the same parties referenced in the deed.

> This Indenture made the 9th day of
> Marchin the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
> and seventy nine between Andrew Crawford senr of the
> County of the Botetourt of the one part & Josiah Crawford of the
> same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said
> Andrew Crawford of [round] in consideration of the sum of
> five pounds Current Money of Virginia to him in hand
> paid by sd Josiah Crawford the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged
> he the said Andrew Crawford hath given granted Bargained
> and sold & by these Presents doth Give Grant Bargain sell
> unto the said Josiah Crawford one certain Tract or parcel of
> Land Situate lying and being in the County of Botetourt and
> being one half of a Tract of Land that formerly belonged to
> John Crawford desceased containing seventy nine acres
> the sd Land lies in the fork of Craig of Creek & Pattersons branch
> and is bounded as follows to wit Begining at a
> Sycamore and white Walnut , on the south side of said
> Creek & running thence South West Twenty three poles
> to a Sassafrass thence North West to a pine a Corner
> of the old Survey To have and to hold the said [Moity]
> of Land with all and singular the privileges and advantages
> thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to the said
> Josiah Crawford his Heirs and assigns for ever and the said
> Andrew Crawford for himself his heirs execu
> [Admr] or assigns the before granted [Morety] of Land seventy
> nine acres of Land to the said Josiah Crawford his Heirs
> Executors Admrs or assigns & also against the [plain] of all &
> every other person or persons shall and will forever warrante and
> defend by these presence . In Witness whereof the said Andrew
> Crawford hath hereunto set his hand & Seal the day and year
> above written
> Andrew Crawford (Seal)
> Signed sealed and Delivered
> In presence of ⎬
> March Botetourt Court 1779
> This Indenture of Bargain and Sale was acknowledged
> by the within named Andrew Crawford & ordered to
> record
> Teste David May CBC



Crawford to Crawford

This Indenture made this 9th day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy nine Between Andrew Crawford Son of the County of Botetourt of the one part & Josiah Crawford of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Andrew Crawford for and in consideration of the sum of five pounds Current Money of Virginia to him in hand paid by said Josiah Crawford the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged he the said Andrew Crawford hath given granted Bargained and sold & by these Presents doth give grant Bargain sell and convey unto the said Josiah Crawford one certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Botetourt and being one half of a Tract of Land that formerly belonged to John Crawford deceased containing seventy acres the s[aid] Land lies in the Fork of Craig's Creek & Patterson's Branch and is bounded as follows to wit Beginning at a Sapplin and white Walnut on the South side of said Creek & running thence South West seventy Poles to a Sapplin & Stones thence North West to two Pines a Corner of the Old Survey To have and to hold the said Moiety of Land with all & singular the priveledges and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining to the said Josiah Crawford his Heirs and Assigns for ever and the said Andrew Crawford for himself his Heirs Exrs & Admrs doth warrant and forever defend the before granted Moiety of Land containing Seventy Nine Acres of Land to the said Josiah Crawford his Heirs Executors Admrs or Assigns & also against the Claim of all & every other person & persons whatsoever and will warrant and forever defend by these Presents In Witness whereof the said Andrew Crawford hath hereunto set his hand & Seal the day and year above written

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

Andrew Crawford (Seal)

March Botetourt Court 1779

This Indenture of Bargain and Sale was acknowledged by the within named Andrew Crawford & ordered to be recorded

Test David May Clk

Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 6, 2024
Mentzer,Woodson_County

Tucked away in my Mentzer notebook is a photocopy of the marriage license for John M. Williams and Clara E. Mentzer. Although I likely obtained this photocopy from the Woodson County Clerk of Court, the original record is also available on the FamilySearch website.

Woodson County Kansas
Marriage Records, v. G 1901-19?
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State of Kansas
Woodson County SS
In the Probate Court of said County and State
John W Williams, who now here makes application for Marriage License addressed to any person
authorized by law to join in marriage the said John W Williams
aged 24 years and Clara E. Mentzer aged 20 years being by me
first duly sworn, doth say that

And that they the said John W Williams and Clara E Mentzer
are not related to each other in the degrees prohibited by law, to wit: Parent and child, grand-parent and grand-child of any degree,
brother and sister of either the one-half or of the whole blood, uncle and niece, aunt and nephew, nor first cousins — and that there exists
no legal impediment to said marriage.
J W Williams
In Testimony Whereof, I the undersigned, Judge of th Probate court in and for Woodson County, and
ex-officio Clerk thereof, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at my office,
this 2 day of April A.D. 1903
J. A. Gregory Probate Judge

State of Kansas
County of Woodson
Office of Probate Judge of said County
Be it remembered, that on the 2 day of April A.D. 1903, there was issued from the
office of said Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy:
Marriage License
No. 22
Woodson County, State of Kansas, April 2 A.D. 1903
To any person authorized by law to perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:
You are hereby authorized to join in Marriage John W. Williams of Yates Center
aged 24 years, and Clara E. Mentzer of Yates Center
aged 20 years, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.
J. A. Gregory Probate Judge
And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to wit, on the 4 day of APirl A.dD. 1903
returned to said Probate Judge, with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to wit:
State of Kansas, County of Woodson, ss.
I, A. M. Bailey do hereby certify that in accordance with the authorization of the within Licenses,
I did, on the 2 day of April A.D. 1903, at Yates Center
in said County, join and unite in Marriage the within named John W Williams
and Clara E Mentzer
Witness My Hand and seal this day and year above written
C W Bailey
Ministry of ME Church
Attest: J A Gregery Probate Judge

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MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

SAML. DODSWORTH BOOK CO., LEAVENWORTH, KAN. No. 992

State of Kansas, } ss. **In the Probate Court of said County and State.**
Woodson County.

John W. Williams, who now here makes application for **Marriage License** addressed to any person authorized by law to join in marriage the said John W. Williams aged 24 years, and Clara E. Muntzer aged 20 years being by me first duly sworn, doth say that

And that they, the said John W. Williams and Clara E. Muntzer are not related to each other in the degrees prohibited by law, to wit: Parent and child, grand-parent and grand-child of any degree, brother and sister of either the one-half or of the whole blood, uncle and neice, aunt and nephew, nor first cousins—and that there exists no legal impediment to said marriage.

J. W. Williams

In Testimony Whereof, I the undersigned, Judge of the Probate Court in and for Woodson County, and ex-officio Clerk thereof, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at my office, this 2 day of April A. D. 1903

(SEAL)

J. A. Gregory Probate Judge

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(SEAL) J. A. Gregory Probate Judge

And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to wit, on the 4 day of April A. D. 1903 returned to said Probate Judge, with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to wit:

State of Kansas, County of Woodson, ss.

I, C. W. Bailey do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the 2 day of April A. D. 1903, at Yates Center in said County, join and unite in Marriage the within named John W. Williams and Clara E. Muntzer

WITNESS MY HAND and seal this day and year above written.

C. W. Bailey
Minister of the Gospel

Attest: J. A. Gregory Probate Judge.

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 7, 2024
Nemaha County

1941 Military News

Expect a New Registration Call

A Washington dispatch in Tuesday daily papers stated that President Roosevelt will soon announce a new selective service registration day, for the 1941 crop of young men, those who have reached draft age since the last registration.

Age minimum may be dropped to 18. The army wants to do more of its training with younger men.

It is also expected that following this second registration day, there will be no more fixed times for general registration. Requirement will simply be made that as each young man reaches his draft age birthday, he will be required to register with his local draft board within five days.

There may be a new draft scheme to bring a greater percentage of young draftees into the army from the group registered.

Are Reserves for 10 Years
The Washington dispatch states the draftees leave the army as reserves for 10 years. Of those now being trained, from ages of 21 to 35, the older ones, from 26 to 35, will be 36 to 45 years old 10 years from now, not considered as good fighting men as those younger. It is stated the army high command is insisting more and more on induction of men under 25, preferably 19 to 22.[1]

1. Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 17 April 1941, page 1 ↩

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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 8, 2024
Crawford,Currey,SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Which of your ancestors lived a life of hardship or sadness? Who had few possessions or resources, **involved in violence or war, lived through a famine, or suffered forced immigration?**

While I never thought of my grandmother, Winnie Letha Currey, as sad, she definitely faced challenges and hardship in her life.

Because RootsMagic's Narrative reports are so 'dry', I've started asking ChatGPT to turn them into narratives. Below is the narrative ChatGPT wrote using the information from RootsMagic.

> Winnie Letha Currey was born on June 30, 1903, in Lansing, Leavenworth County, Kansas, to Hiram Miles Currey and Winifred Mae "Winnie" Hutchinson. She spent her early years in Lansing and later moved to Rooks County, Kansas, by 1910. Tragedy struck when her mother passed away in September 1913, leaving young Winnie motherless at the age of 10. Following her mother's death, Winnie lived in a children's home in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1916, under her father's care, she graduated from Horace Mann School.
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> By 1917, Winnie was living with her Aunt Nora and began working in a factory in North Kansas City. In 1918, she moved to Dodge City to help her sister Myrtle during the birth of her first child. Dodge City soon became her permanent home. She became a member of the First United Methodist Church, and on December 24, 1919, she married Leon Russel Crawford. The couple resided on Avenue A in Dodge City in 1920. Winnie endured the heartbreak of losing her first child, Betty Jean, who was born in 1921 but did not survive.
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> Winnie and Leon continued to live in Dodge City, and in 1927, they welcomed their son, Eugene David Crawford. Life in Dodge City during the Dust Bowl brought immense challenges, but Winnie remained resilient, protecting her home from the relentless dust storms. In 1938, she gave birth to another son, Leon Russel Crawford Jr., at the Charlotte Murray Memorial Hospital.
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> Throughout the years, Winnie was an active member of various civic organizations, including the Order of Eastern Star, Social Order of Beauceant, and auxiliaries of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. She remained devoted to her community, church, and family. In 1946, she took it upon herself to purchase a gravestone for her mother, ensuring her memory was preserved.
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> In 1947, Winnie and Leon purchased a lot in Dodge City, where they lived for many years. Winnie worked at Eckles Department Store from 1953 to 1958. The couple's home became a center of family activity, and they remained in Dodge City through the 1950s and 1960s. Winnie experienced deep sorrow in February 1961 when her son Leon Jr. fell gravely ill and passed away, an event that left a lasting mark on the family.
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> Winnie was recognized for her long-standing membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, receiving a 50-year pin in 1970. In 1976, she granted power of attorney to her son Eugene as she began to plan her later years. She continued to live in Dodge City, and in 1978, she purchased a tombstone for herself, ensuring her final resting place alongside her family.
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> Winnie Letha Currey Crawford passed away on February 11, 1992, at the age of 88. She was buried in Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City, where she rests in peace, having lived a life of resilience, dedication to her family, and service to her community. Her estate was later probated in Ford County, Kansas, marking the conclusion of a long and storied life.

Currey Children at 1964 Family Reunion in Arizona

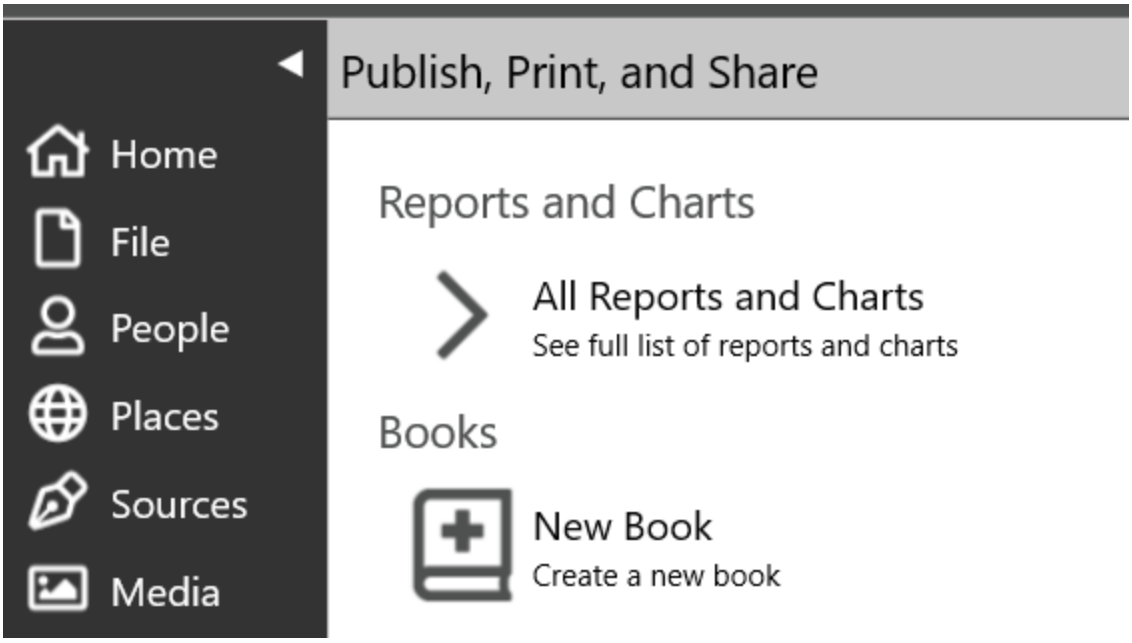
50th wedding celebration with son and his family

RootsMagic Book

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 9, 2024
Nemaha County,RootsMagic,RootsMagic10

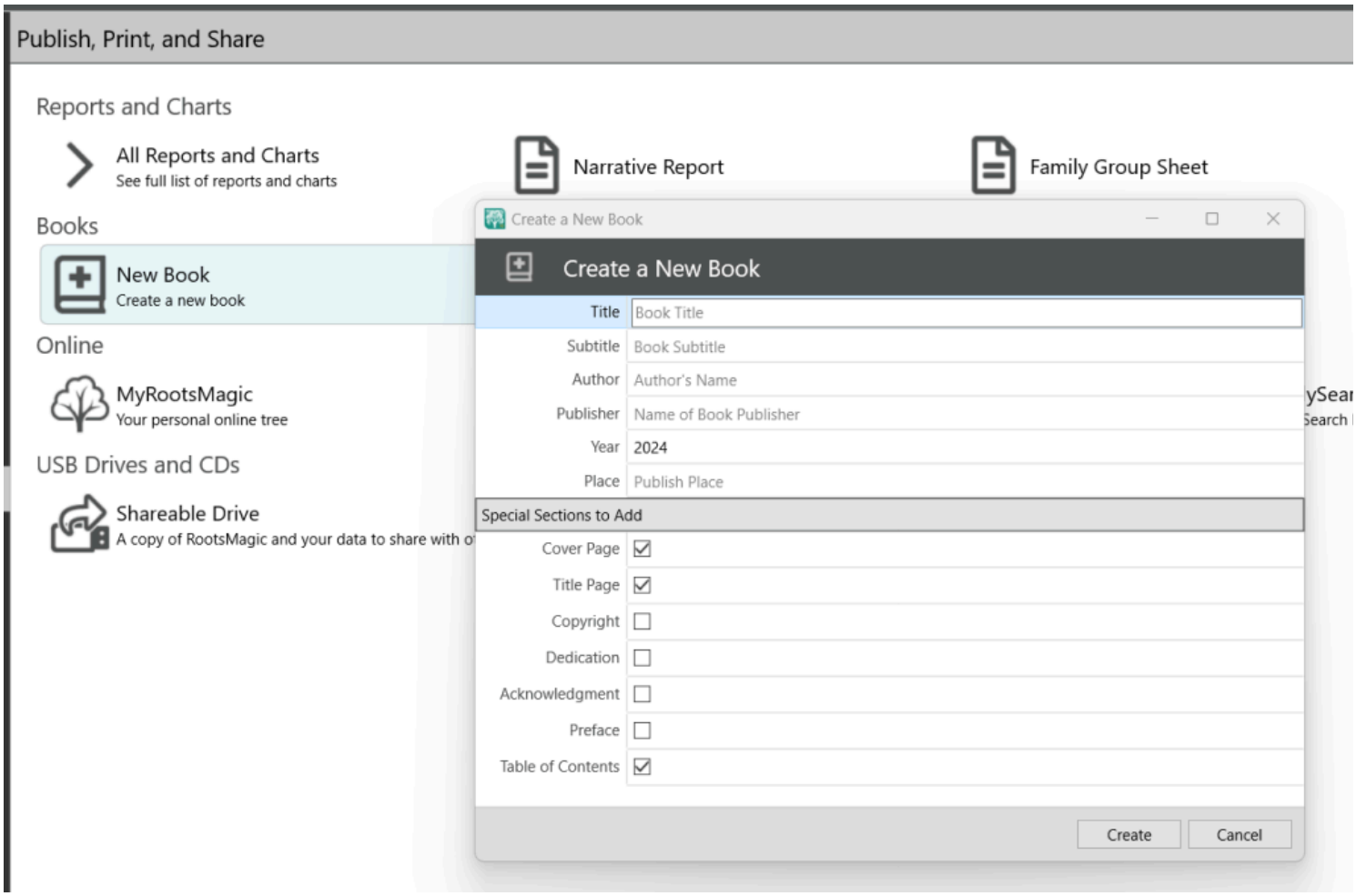
Have you used your genealogy software to produce a book?

During a visit to a county historical society, I realized I had not shared a print copy of my research with them. I promised to provide a copy and began exploring RootsMagic's book creation feature.

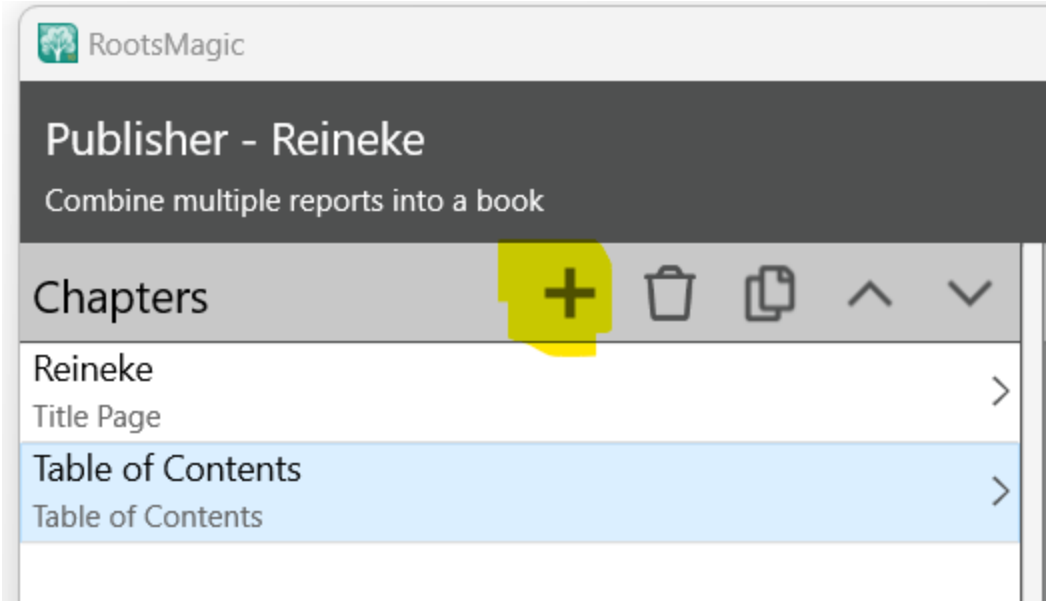


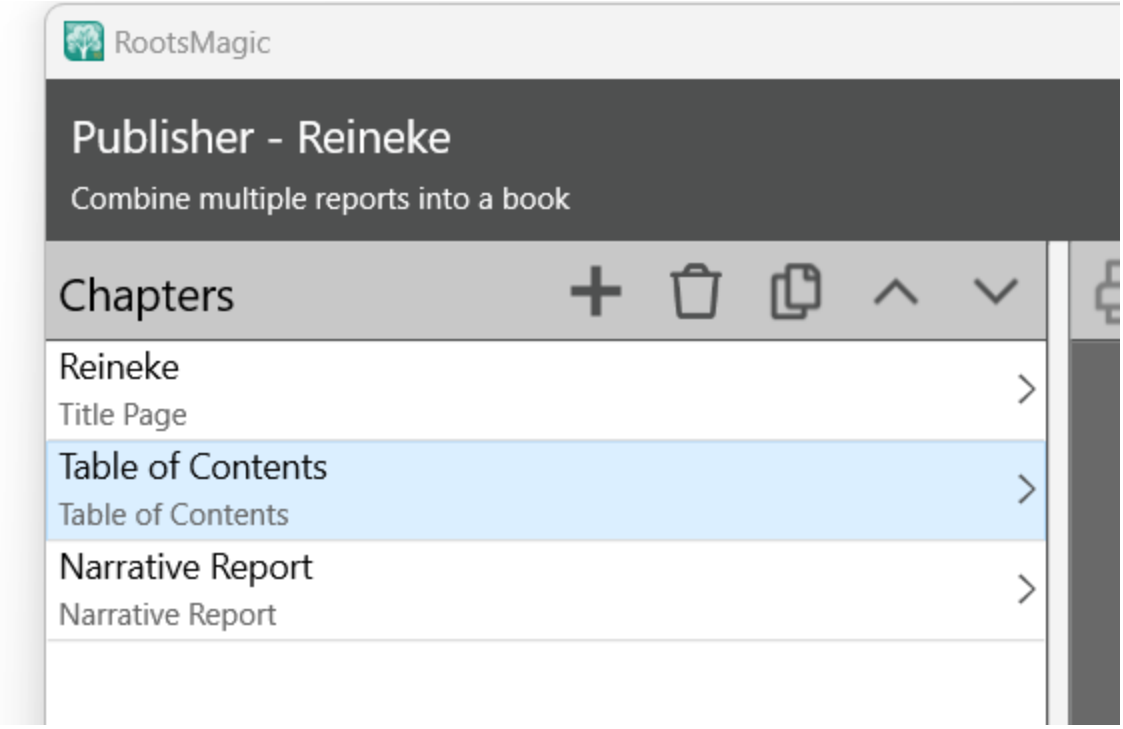
To start, I decided to experiment with a smaller project rather than dive into creating a large book. I chose to focus on research I'd done for an exhibit at the Nemaha County Historical Society. This research centered on Johann Andreas Reineke, along with his wife's brothers, Anton Miller and Joseph Miller. Since I had already created a Reineke family tree in RootsMagic to track my research and sources, turning it into a book was straightforward.

The first step was to create a title and select the default sections for the book. I initially chose both a cover page and a title page, but later realized that only the title page was necessary.

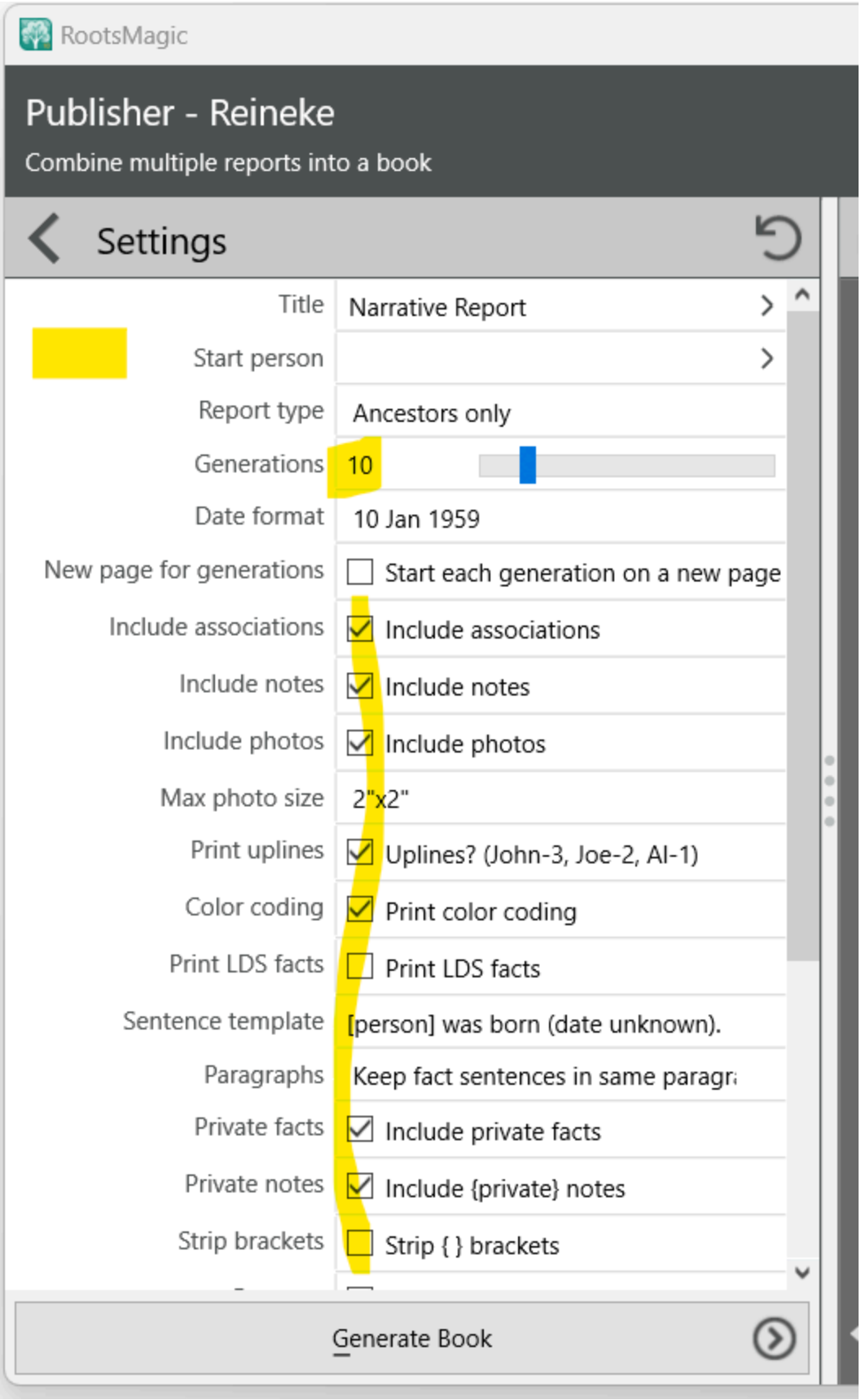


Next, I added chapters by clicking the plus sign. This action opened a window listing various options for additional chapters. I had already planned to include narrative reports for Johann Reineke, Anton Miller, and Joseph Miller, as well as a family group sheet and a scrapbook for Johann Reineke. I selected the “Narrative Report” option, which added the report without specifying the subject.

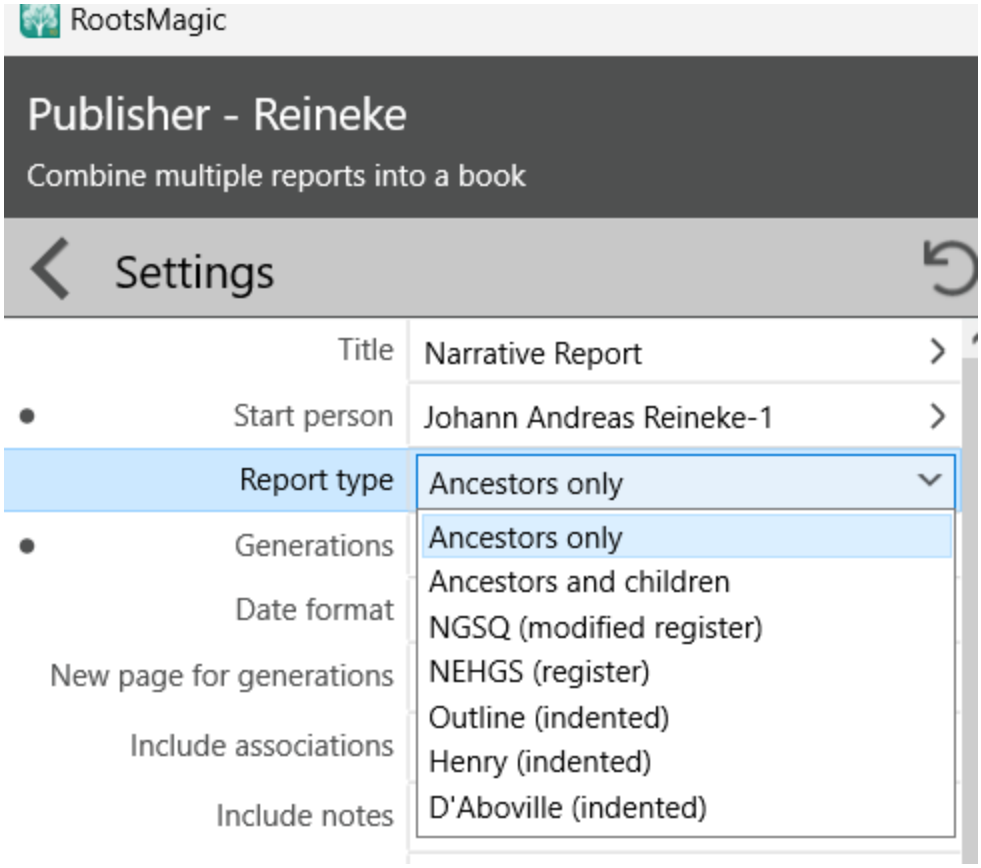




To choose the report's subject and customize its settings, I clicked the arrow next to the narrative report option.



There were several options for the report type, and after some experimentation, I chose the Henry format, as it excluded children in a single-generation report.



I also added a Family Group sheet and a scrapbook for Johann Reineke. During this process, I discovered that if I wanted the obituary text to appear in the report, I needed to copy it from the source note into the person's note. Additionally, I learned that attaching images to both the event and the source was necessary for creating a scrapbook.

Once I configured the book, I saved it as a Word document. In Word, I made a few adjustments:

- Edited the preparation statement and repositioned it toward the bottom of the page
- Updated the table of contents by pressing F9
- Adjusted column widths in the Family Group Sheet to prevent words like "Naturalization" from splitting into two lines
- Deleted rows in the Family Group Sheet that had no information (mainly marriage and burial facts for children)
- Inserted page breaks to avoid names appearing at the bottom of a page
- Indented the notes I included
- Edited the "Endnotes" headings to indicate the chapter

After making these edits, I saved the file as a PDF and shared in on the historical society's archive.org page: Andrew Reineke – Henry Format,

Now, I'm ready to create a book for one of my ancestral lines!

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 10, 2024
Nemaha County,Purple Heart,World War II

Clyde Aeschliman

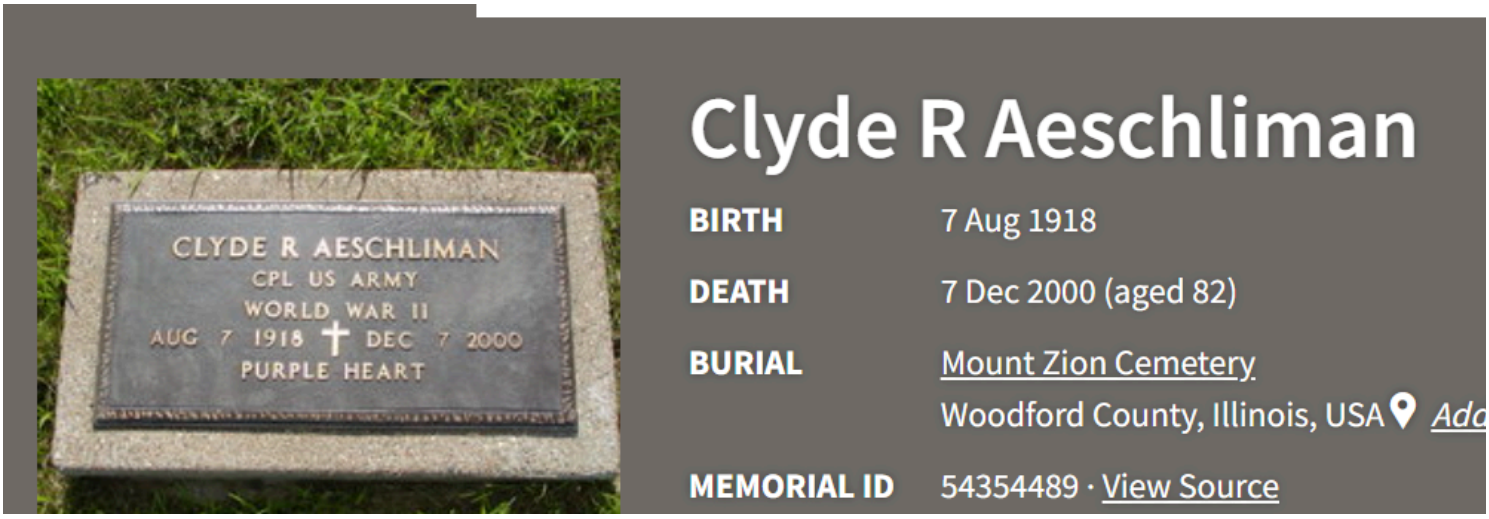
Clyde R. Aeschliman was born on August 7, 1918, in Sabetha, Kansas, to Sylvan and Bertha Wegman Aeschliman. He lived a full life, marked by his service during World War II and his dedication to family and community. Clyde married Queva Sell on April 20, 1941, and they went on to have three children together: a son, Douglas, and two daughters, Sharon and Debbie.

Clyde enlisted in the U.S. Army on March 30, 1943, in Peoria, Illinois. Initially assigned to infantry training at Camp Joseph T. Robinson in Arkansas, he developed a strong proficiency in handling various firearms, including the M-1 Garand rifle and the .30 caliber machine gun. Clyde's enthusiasm for marksmanship became a notable aspect of his military life.

Following his basic training, Clyde was stationed with the 143rd Infantry Regiment, part of the 36th Infantry Division, and later with the 754th Engineer Spare Parts Company. His unit was actively involved in supplying critical spare parts to various military operations in the Mediterranean theater, demonstrating both logistical efficiency and a commitment to supporting frontline troops.

During his service in Italy, Clyde was wounded in the left leg by artillery shell fragments in December 1943. This injury required several weeks of hospitalization, first in Italy and then in North Africa. His recovery was further complicated by an appendicitis operation. Despite these challenges, Clyde showed resilience and courage, qualities recognized by his superiors and comrades alike. For his bravery and sacrifice, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Clyde's wartime experience was filled with both hardship and camaraderie. He formed close bonds with fellow soldiers and maintained regular correspondence with family and friends back home. Letters from the front lines, shared through newspapers like the Sabetha Herald, conveyed a mix of longing for home and a sense of duty. His cousin, Leonard Aeschliman, noted in one such letter how Clyde's spirits remained high despite the difficulties, and how he cherished news from home.


CLYDE R AESCHLIMAN
CPL US ARMY
WORLD WAR II
AUG 7 1918 † DEC 7 2000
PURPLE HEART
Clyde R Aeschliman
BIRTH 7 Aug 1918
DEATH 7 Dec 2000 (aged 82)
BURIAL Mount Zion Cemetery
Woodford County, Illinois, USA
MEMORIAL ID 54354489 · View Source

Sources:

Here is a list of sources for the narrative about Clyde Aeschliman:

Find a Grave

- Memorial ID: 54354489
- Information on birth and death dates, burial location.

Sabetha Herald

- *July 5, 1944, Page 1 and Page 8*: Letters describing Clyde's military experiences, his injury in Italy, and his subsequent recovery and service in North Africa.

- *March 1, 1944, Page 1*: Information on Clyde's injury in Italy, hospitalization in North Africa, and award of the Purple Heart.
- *July 14, 1943, Page 1 and Page 5*: Details on Clyde's furlough after basic training and his family's pride in his service.

Courier Tribune

- *February 7, 1944, Page 2*: Information about Clyde's hospitalization in North Africa and recovery from an appendix operation.

Woodford County Journal

- *December 14, 2000, Page 15*: Obituary providing details on Clyde's life, military service, community involvement, and death.

US WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946

- Details on Clyde's enlistment date, place, and service information.

US Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010

- Provides confirmation of Clyde's service period and release date from the military.

US Veterans' Gravesites, ca 1775-2019

- Confirms burial location and military service details.

US, WWII Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954

- *December 1943 and October 1944*: Details on Clyde's injuries, medical treatment, and recovery.

Unit History, US 36th Infantry Division, 1940-1945

- Lists Clyde's association with the 143rd Infantry Regiment.

Marshall County News

- *April 20, 1944, Page 8*: Reports on Clyde's recovery from surgery and communication with his wife.

The Summerfield Sun

- *January 6, 1944, Page 4*: Reports on Clyde being slightly wounded in Italy and hopes for his recovery.
- *August 19, 1943, Page 4*: Mentions Clyde's move from a camp in Arkansas to a replacement camp in Pennsylvania.

The Dawson Herald

- *July 22, 1943, Page 1*: Information on Clyde's completion of basic training and his furlough in Sabetha.
- *May 11, 1944, Page 2*: Report on Clyde being wounded in Italy and receiving the Purple Heart.

The Beatrice Times

- *February 28, 1945, Page 3*: Mentions Clyde's service in the Mediterranean theater.

Beatrice Daily Sun

- *February 27, 1945, Page 3*: Describes Clyde's service with the 754th Engineer Spare Parts Company.

Memories

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 11, 2024
Memories

Today is September 11th.

It's a day of remembrance—a day that forever changed the world.

For many of us, it's another "Where were you when?" moment.

In 2001, I was working as the librarian and technology coordinator at Nemaha Valley High School. It's hard to imagine now, but back then, we didn't have the constant connection to the Internet like we do today. News didn't arrive in our pockets instantly.

I can't recall exactly how I first heard about the plane hitting the World Trade Center, but it was likely through someone in the office who had been listening to the radio. My first instinct was to bring the TV cart to the west side of the library, connect it to the cable, and turn on CNN. Within minutes, students and teachers gathered, glued to the screen, as the news unfolded.

When the bell rang for the next class, I had to remind both students and a few teachers to head to their 2nd-period classes. Yet, as soon as the halls cleared, the library quickly filled up again. It was eerily silent, save for the sound of the broadcast.

The principal and I briefly discussed moving the TVs to the gym to accommodate more people, but we decided against it. Throughout the morning, people came and went, but the solemn quiet remained, and tears fell as we all tried to comprehend what was happening.

Duggins Will

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 12, 2024
Duggins,Preble County

Home

My ancestor, James Crawford, married Sally Duggins in 1799 in Garrard County, Kentucky. Sally, was a young widow with two sons: Henry and William. Henry was 11 and William 5 when their mother remarried. Both sons moved to Preble county, Ohio with their mother and stepfather.

William survived his mother, dying in 1872 in Preble county. Below is his will.

Preble County, Ohio
Record of Wills, 1870-1881

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The State of Ohio Preble County . SS . } Proceedings had in the
Probate Court on the 26th Day of Feb . 1872 . J M. King Judge .
This day came Wm N. Duggins and produced to the Court
for Probate and Record the last will and Testament of Wm A
Duggins , decd late of said County . And at the same time cam
B. F. Larsh and John A. Crouse the witnesses to said Will
who were duly sworn and testified as to the making of said
Will , which testimony was by the Court reduced to writing ,
and signed by said witnesses and filed with said will
And the Court finds from said testimony that said will
was duly signed , acknowledged and attested , and that the
Testator was at the time he so made his said will of
full age , of sound and disposing mind , memory and judg
ment , and not laboring under any undue or unlawful restraint
whatsoever , It is therefore by the Court ordered that said
will be , and the same hereby is admitted to Probate , and
it is further ordered that said will , testimony and this jour
nal entry be recorded in the Wills Record of this Court
said will is in the words and figures following to wit :
I. Wm A. Duggins of Preble County Ohio , of full age , of sound
mind and memory , and not laboring under any restraint do make
and publish this my last will and testament , in manner
and form following , to wit : Item 1st It is my will that
at my decease , all my just debts and funeral expenses be
paid . Item 2nd I do hereby bequeath , will and devise unto
my Son Benj . A. Duggins , Eighty five acres of land more or
less , being the North half of the North East quarter of Section 17
seventeen , Tp . 7. Range 2 . East , in Phebe County Ohio , and to
his heirs and assigns forever . Item 3rd I do hereby will
devise and bequeath with my son Henry J. Duggins
Eighty five acres of land more of less . being of the south half
of the North East qr . of Sec 17 seventeen , Tp 7 R. 2. East in
Preble County , and to his heirs and assigns forever . Item 4th
I do hereby will , devise , and bequeath unto my Son Wm N
Duggins , Eighty Acres of land , being the West half of the North
West Qr . of Section (10) Ten Tp . 8. R. 2 . East in Preble County O.
and to his heirs and assigns forever , Item 5th . I do hereby will
devise and bequeath with my daughter Sarah H. Kincaid , wife

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William A . Duggins Will
of John Kincard , Eighty Acres of land , being the East half
of the North West Qr of Sec . Ten (10) Tp . 8 . R. 2. East , in Preble
County Ohio , and her heirs and assigns forever . The road on the S line
of said N. W. qr . of sec 10 to be kept open. I do further will devise
and bequeath unto my sons , Benj . A. Duggins , Henry J. Duggins
Wm N. Duggins , the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars each , to be
paid to them out of my personal estate , or if my said personal estate
be not sufficient to pay this legacy , it is my will then , that the
one hundred acre tract of land , described as follows , being the
North part of the S. E . qr . of Sec . 10 . & a part of the S. W. qr . of said
Sec . 10 . Tp 8 . R . 2 . E . in Preble County Ohio , be sold , at private or
public sale , as my children may agree , which I hereby author
ize them to do , and to make , execute , acknowledge and deliver
good and sufficient warranty deeds , to the purchaser or pur
chasers there of , and so much of the proceeds thereof as shall be
necessary , shall be used in the payment of the legacies above de
scribed in this item , and the residue thereof I do hereby will
and devise unto each of my said four children , share and
share alike . Item 7 ” It is my will that at my decease , all the
personal property of every kind and description of which I may
die seized , shall be equally divided between my said four children
share and share alike ; or if my said children shall not agree as
to the actual division of the specific property , then it is my will
that the same shall be sold in such manner as my said
children or a majority of them shall agree , and the proceeds
thereof be equally divided between them . The foregoing dis
position of my estate is made so that my said Children
shall share as nearly equal in my estate as possible , I having
hereto fore made advances to some of them to a greater or less
extent than others , and the foregoing is intended to make
them all equal , Item 8 . ” It is my will that in case
my wife survives me , that her living and support be char
ged upon my entire estate , and my said children and their
heirs are hereby enjoined and required to give my said
wife Sally , a good and ample support and maintenance
so long as she lives . In witness whereof , I have here
unto subscribed my name and affixed my seal , this
21st day of August A. D . 1871 . William A. Huggins .(Seal)
Signed by the said William A. Duggins in our presence
as his last will and Testament and signed by us in
his presence and at his request as witnesses thereto .
The State of Ohio Pate County SS Preble Probate Court . ⎬ John A. Crouse / B F Larsh
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Personally appeared in open Court , this 26th day of Feb
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witnesses of the last Will and Testament of Wm A. Duggins

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who is now deceased , who being duly sworn according to
law to speak the truth , the whole truth , and nothing but
the truth , in relation to the execution of said Will ,
depose and say that they were present at the making
of said Will , and at the request of the deceased , sub
scribed their names to said Will , as witnesses , in the
presence of the deceased , and of each other , that they saw
the said the said William A. Duggins deceased , sign and seal
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Duggins was at the time of making , signing and seal
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mind memory and judgment , and under no undue or
unlawful restraint what soever . John A. Crouse B. F. Larch .
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me , in open
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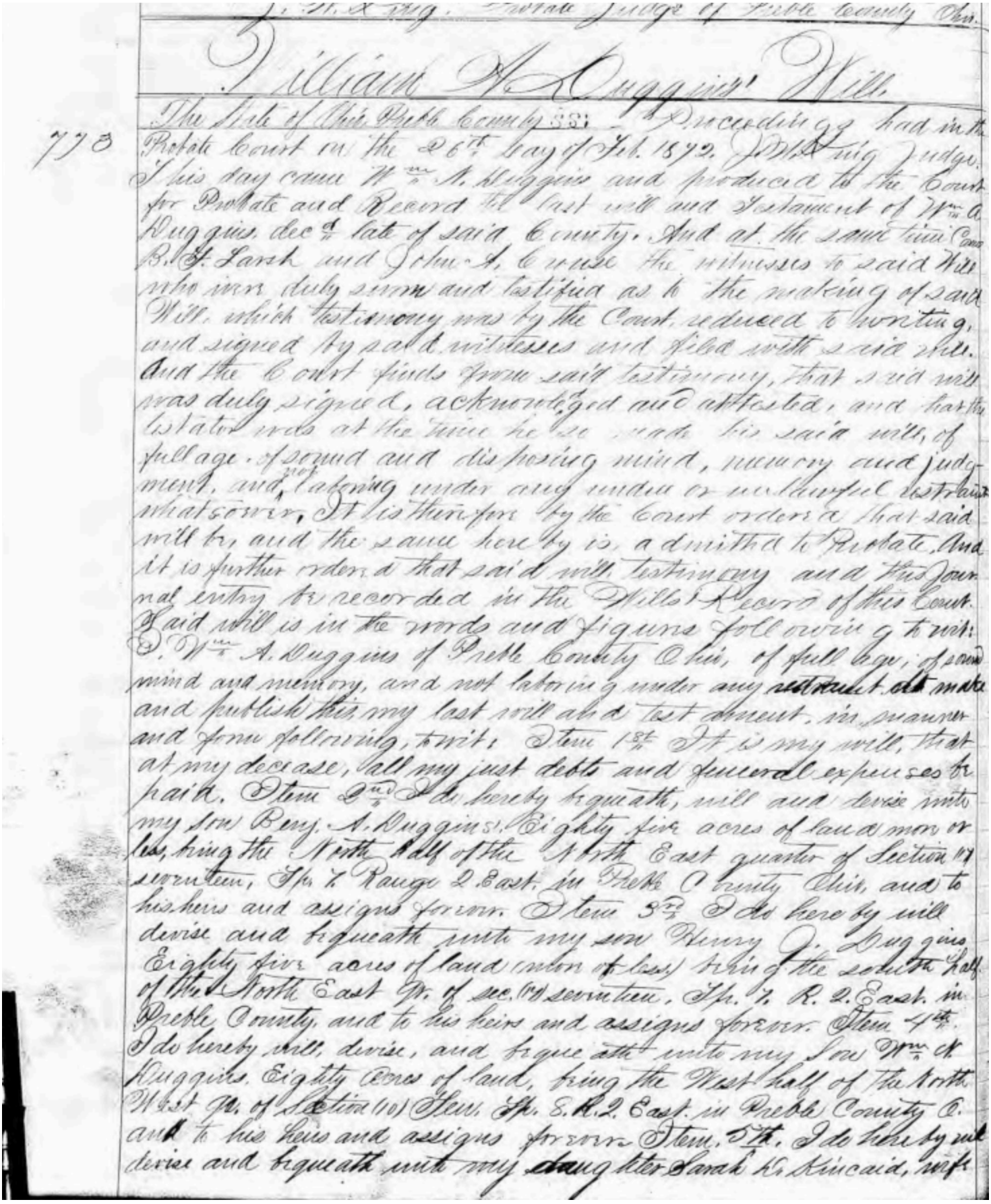
J. W. Singer Probate Judge of Preble County Ohio .



J. W. S. Prog. Probate Judge of Preble County Ohio.

William A. Huggins' Will.

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The State of Ohio Preble County SS: Proceedings had in the Probate Court in the 26th day of Feb. 1872. J. W. Singer Judge. This day came Wm. A. Huggins and produced to the Court for Probate and Record the last will and Testament of Wm. A. Huggins, dec'd late of said County. And at the same time Com. B. F. Larch and John A. Crouse the witnesses to said Will who were duly sworn and testified as to the making of said Will, which testimony was by the Court reduced to writing, and signed by said witnesses and filed with said Will. And the Court finds from said testimony, that said will was duly signed, acknowledged and attested, and that the testator was at the time he so made his said will, of full age, of sound and disposing mind, memory and judgment, and not laboring under any undue or unlawful restraint whatsoever, It is therefore by the Court ordered that said will be, and the same hereby is, admitted to Probate. And it is further ordered that said will, testimony and this Journal entry be recorded in the Wills Record of this Court. Said will is in the words and figures following to wit: I, Wm. A. Huggins of Preble County Ohio, of full age, of sound mind and memory, and not laboring under any restraint do make and publish this my last will and test ament, in manner and form following, to wit: Item 1st It is my will, that at my decease, all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. Item 2nd I do hereby bequeath, will and devise unto my son Benj. A. Huggins, Eighty five acres of land more or less, being the North Half of the North East quarter of Section No seventeen, Tp. 7 Range 2 East, in Preble County Ohio, and to his heirs and assigns forever. Item 3rd I do hereby will devise and bequeath unto my son Henry J. Huggins Eighty five acres of land more or less being the southern half of the North East qr. of sec. No seventeen, Tp. 7, R. 2. East. in Preble County, and to his heirs and assigns forever. Item 4th. I do hereby will, devise, and bequeath unto my Son Wm. A. Huggins. Eighty acres of land, being the West half of the North West qr. of Section (10) Ten, Tp. 8. R. 2. East. in Preble County O. and to his heirs and assigns forever. Item, 5th. I do hereby will devise and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah E. Kincaid, wife

William A. Duggins' Will.

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Signed by the said William A. Duggins in our presence as his last will and Testament and by us in his presence and at his request as witnesses thereto.
John A. Cronse
B. F. Lash

State of Ohio, Preble County ss: Preble Probate Court.
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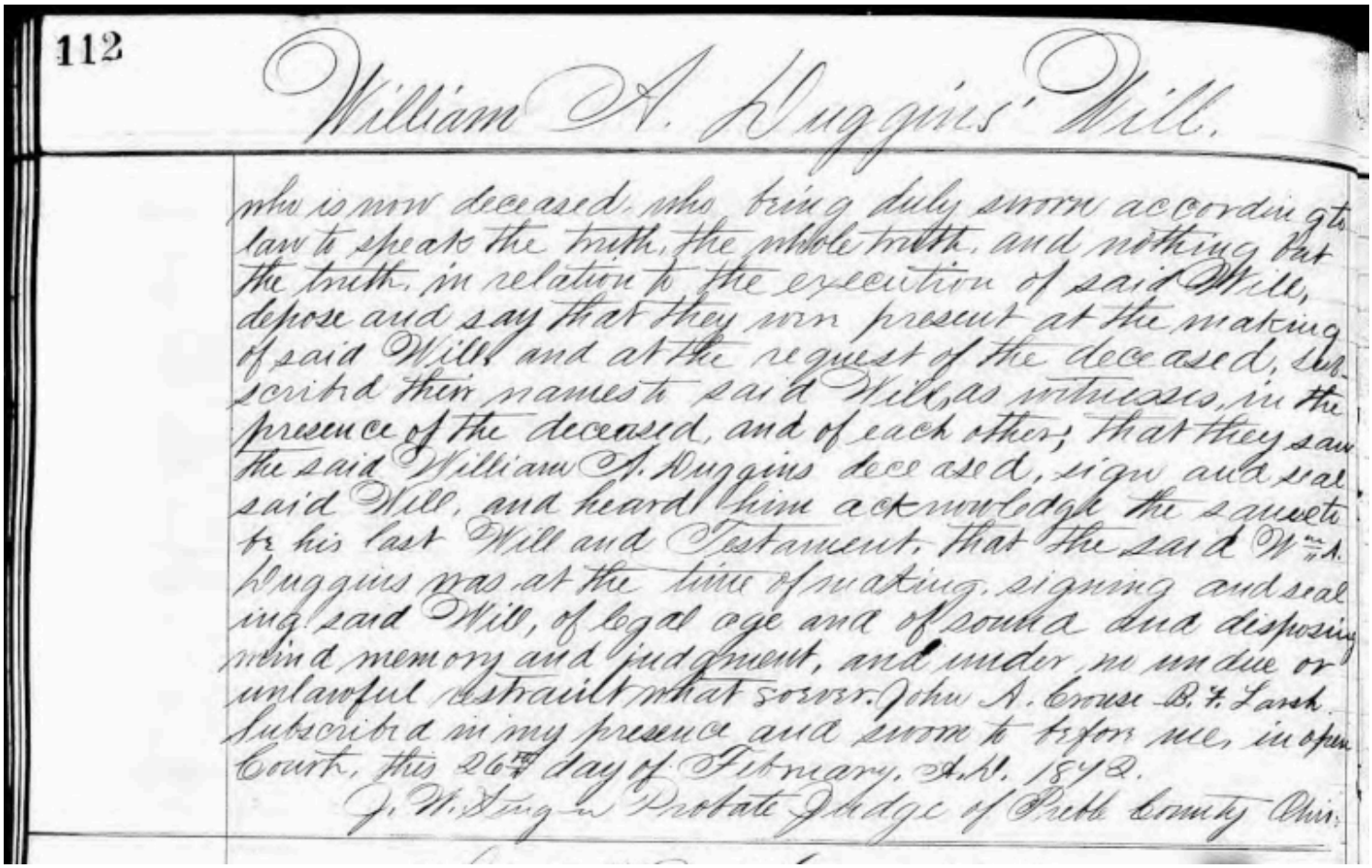

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William A. Huggins' Will.

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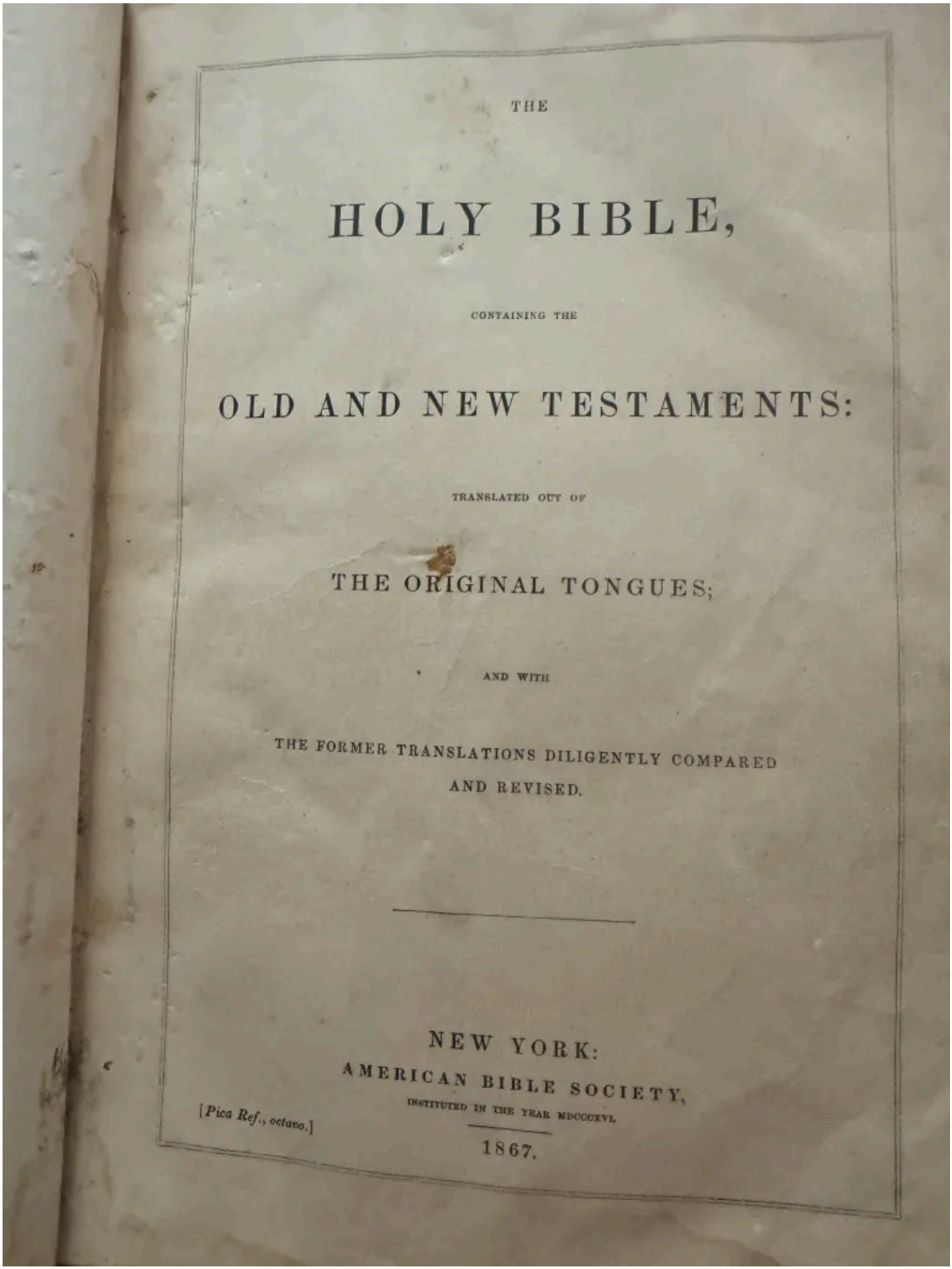
J. W. King Probate Judge of Preble County Ohio.

Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 13, 2024
Nemaha County

While looking for a German Bible in the Nemaha County Historical Society's collection, the following family Bible was found.



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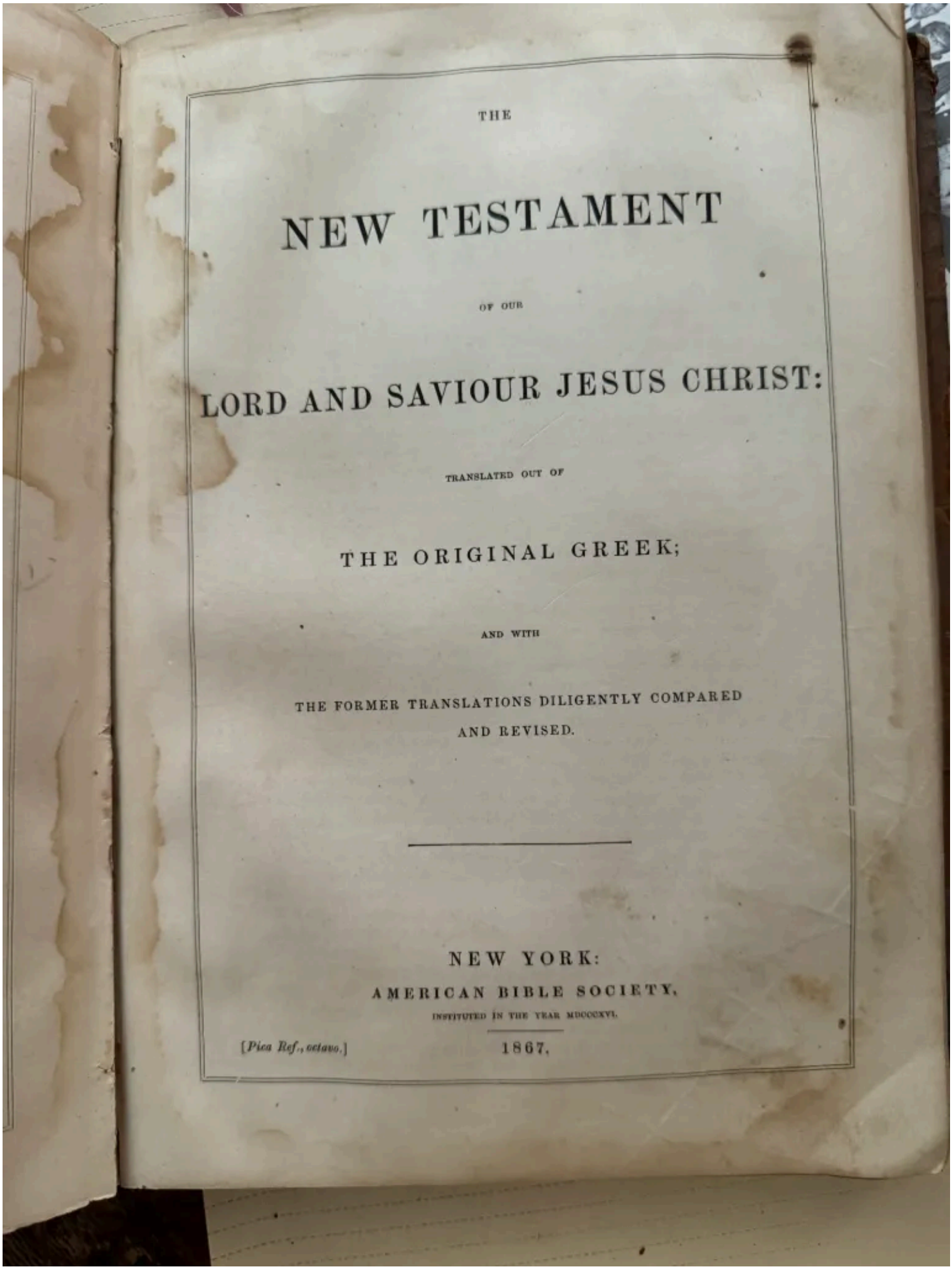

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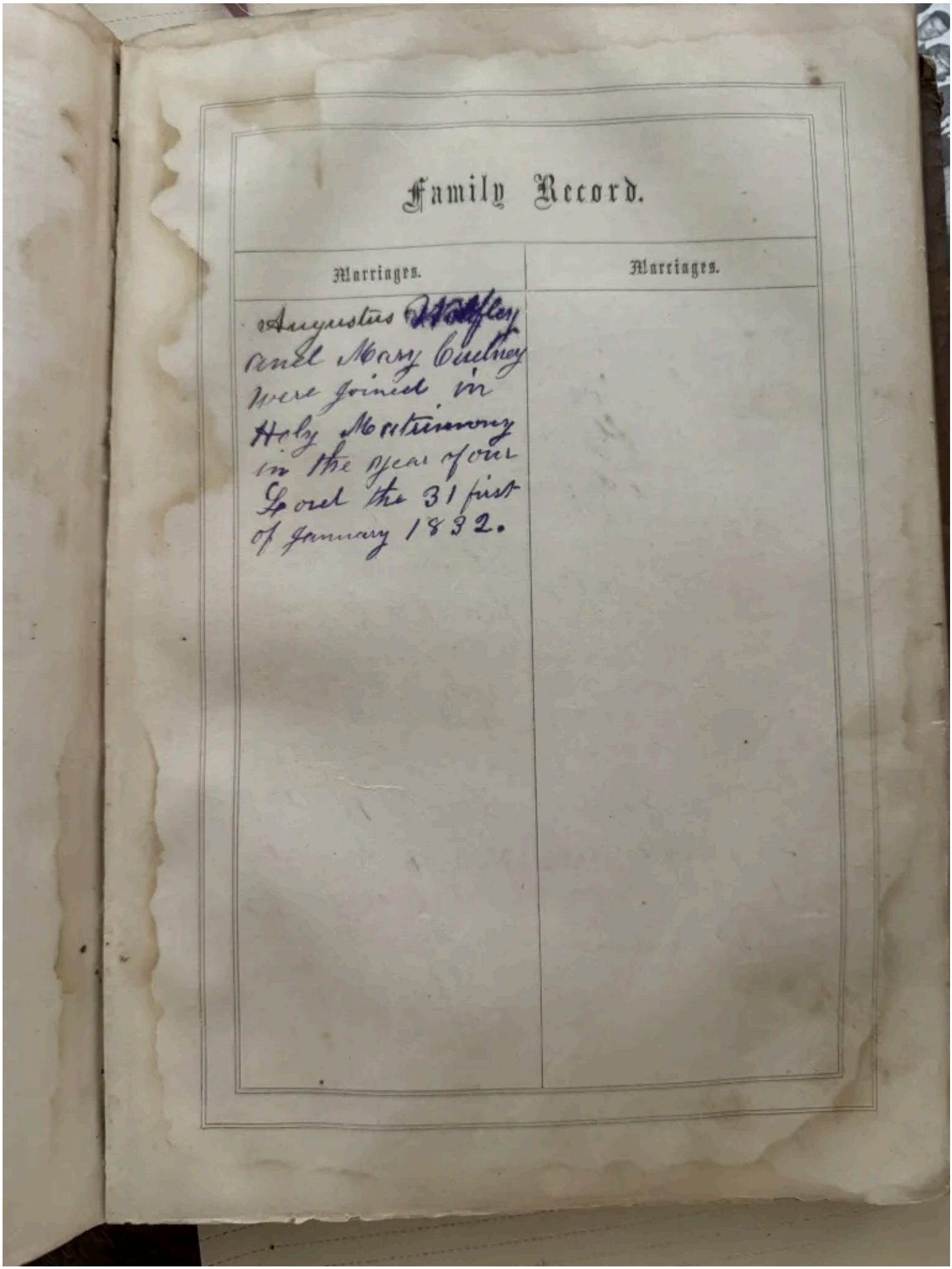

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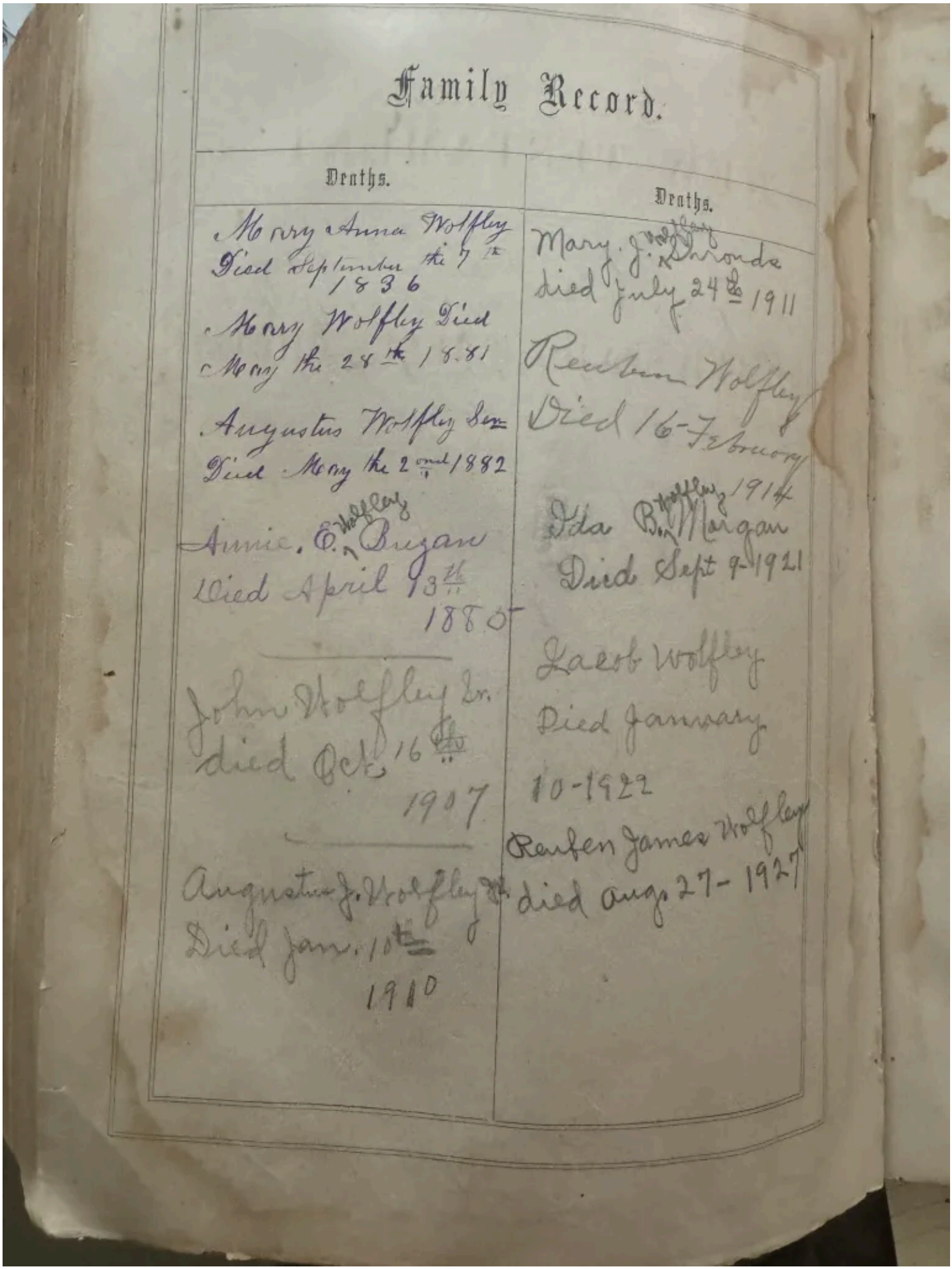

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Deaths.

Mary Anna Wolfley
Died September the 7th
1836

Mary Wolfley Died
May the 28th 1881

Augustus Wolfley Sen.
Died May the 2nd 1882

Annie E. Wolfley Bryan
Died April 13th
1880

John Wolfley Jr.
died Oct 16th
1907

Augustus J. Wolfley
Died Jan. 10th
1910

Deaths.

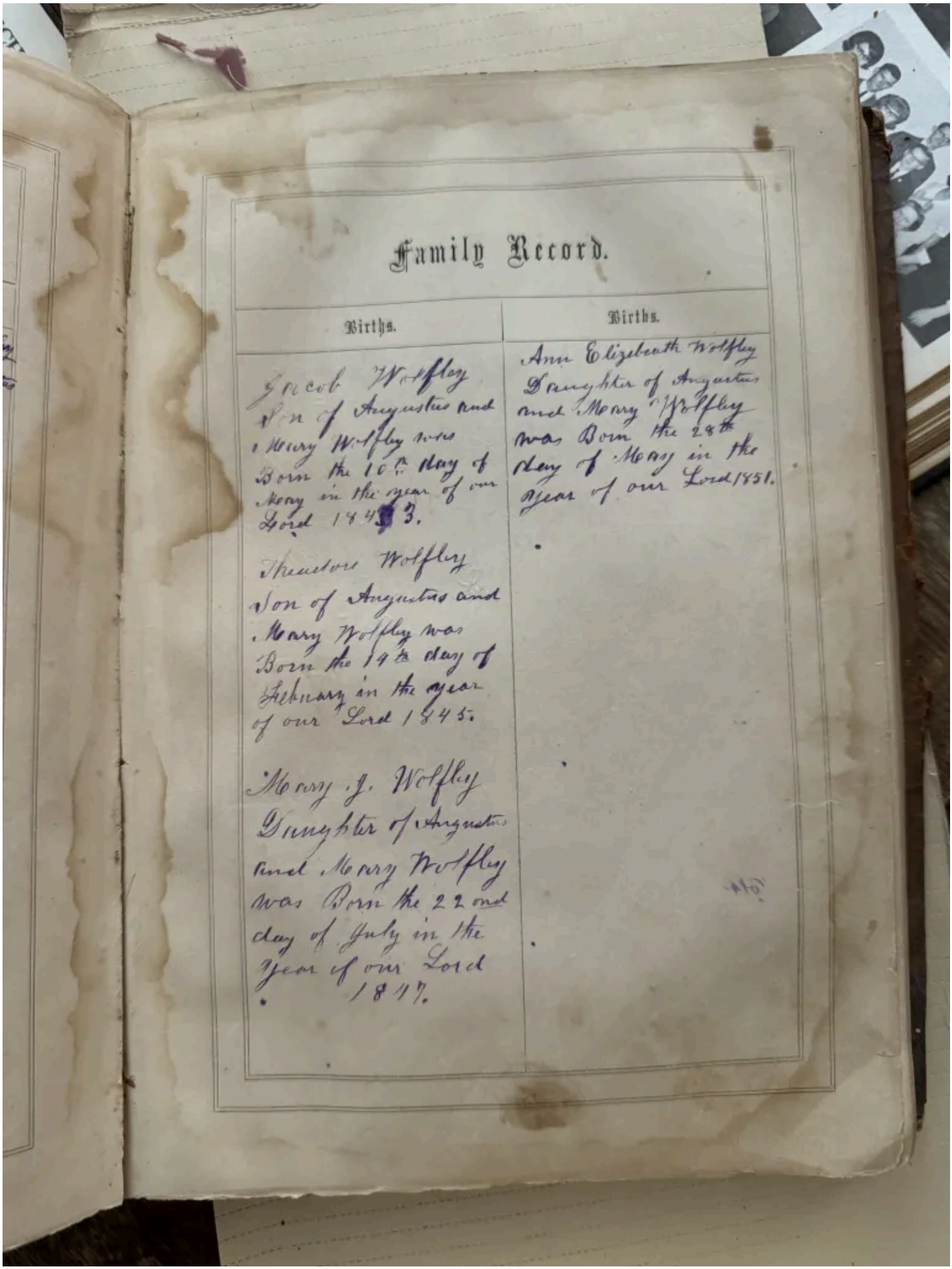
Mary J. Wolfley Dronde
died July 24th 1911

Reuben Wolfley
Died 16-February
1914

Ida B. Wolfley Morgan
Died Sept 9-1921

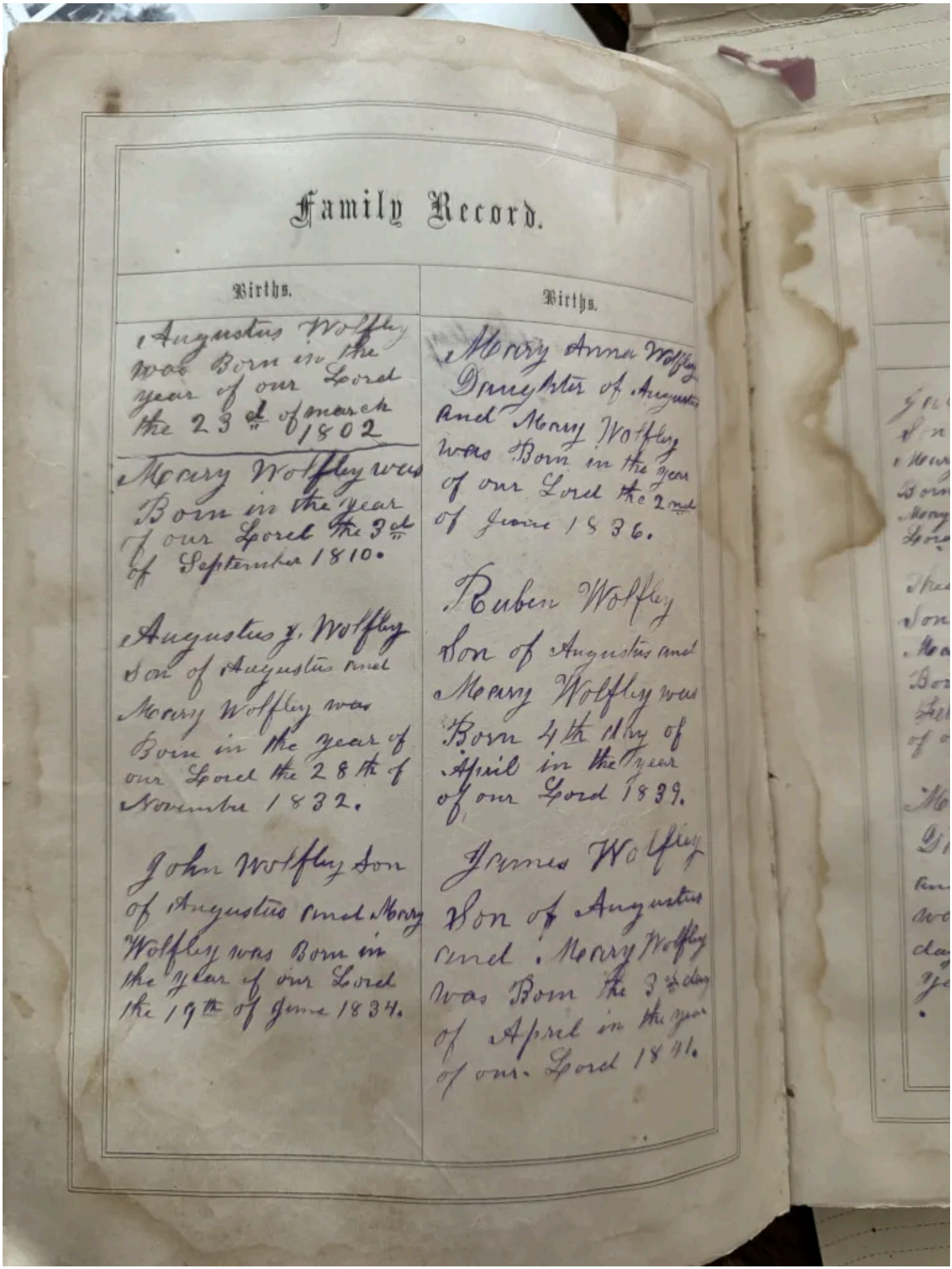
Jacob Wolfley
Died January
10-1922

Reuben James Wolfley
died aug 27-1927



Family Record.

Births.	Births.
Jacob Wolfley Son of Augustus and Mary Wolfley was Born the 10th day of May in the year of our Lord 1843.	Ann Elizabeth Wolfley Daughter of Augustus and Mary Wolfley was Born the 28th day of May in the year of our Lord 1851.
Theodore Wolfley Son of Augustus and Mary Wolfley was Born the 14th day of February in the year of our Lord 1845.	
Mary J. Wolfley Daughter of Augustus and Mary Wolfley was Born the 22 ond day of July in the Year of our Lord 1847.	



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Augustus Wolfley was Born in the year of our Lord the 23d of march 1802	Mary Anna Wolfley Daughter of Augustus And Mary Wolfley was Born in the year of our Lord the 2nd of June 1836.
Mary Wolfley was Born in the year of our Lord the 3d of September 1810.	Ruben Wolfley Son of Augustus and Mary Wolfley was Born 4th day of April in the year of our Lord 1839.
Augustus J. Wolfley Son of Augustus and Mary Wolfley was Born in the year of our Lord the 28th of November 1832.	James Wolfley Son of Augustus and Mary Wolfley Was Born the 3d day of April in the year of our Lord 1841.
John Wolfley Son of Augustus and Mary Wolfley was Born in the year of our Lord the 19th of June 1834.	

Augustus Wolfley was buried in the Wolfley cemetery in Goff, Kansas.

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 14, 2024
Uncategorized

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Will Proceed to Classify Men
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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 15, 2024
Ancestry,My Heritage,RootsMagic10,SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

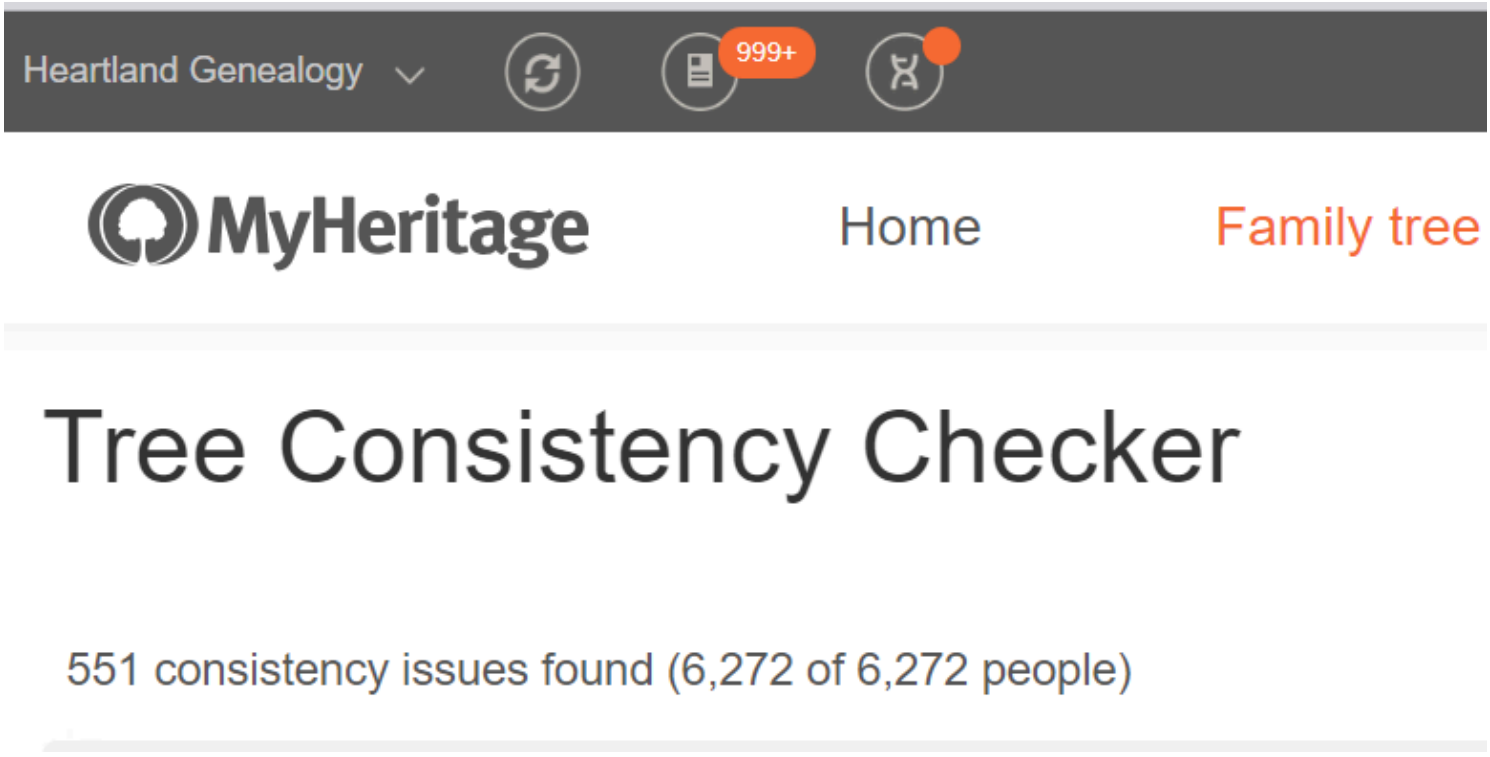
Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Have you used helps such as Tree Checker on Ancestry, Consistency Check on MyHeritage, or the Family Tree Analyzer program to check for errors in your family tree?

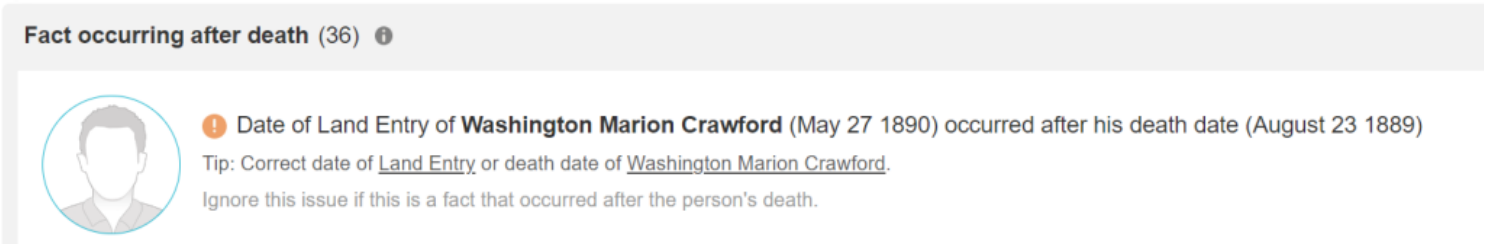
While I've known about these tools, I hadn't dedicated much time to using them to clean up my tree—until now. Curiosity got the better of me, so I decided to test each tool and see what insights they could offer.

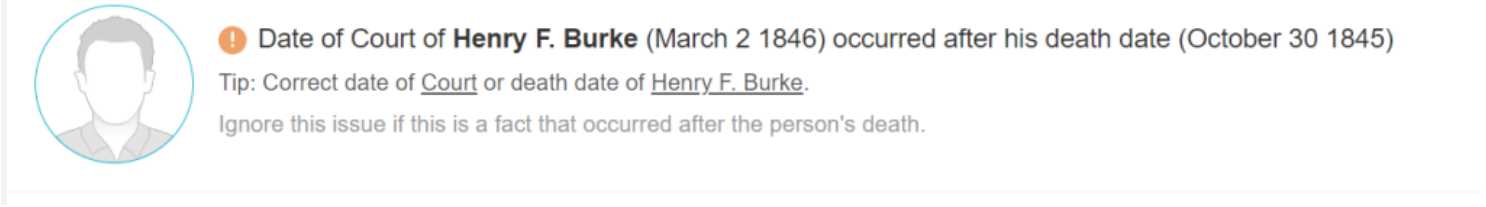
My Heritage

My tree on MyHeritage is fairly 'static'; it's linked to my DNA test but I don't regularly update it with new findings. So, I wasn't shocked when the Consistency Checker flagged over 500 errors.



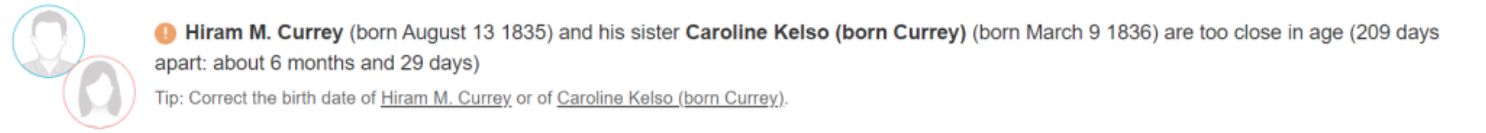
Although many of these were likely genuine errors, some were flagged as "fact occurring after death." I had 36 of these in my tree.


Fact occurring after death (36)
Date of Land Entry of Washington Marion Crawford (May 27 1890) occurred after his death date (August 23 1889)
Tip: Correct date of Land Entry or death date of Washington Marion Crawford.
Ignore this issue if this is a fact that occurred after the person's death.


Date of Court of Henry F. Burke (March 2 1846) occurred after his death date (October 30 1845)
Tip: Correct date of Court or death date of Henry F. Burke.
Ignore this issue if this is a fact that occurred after the person's death.

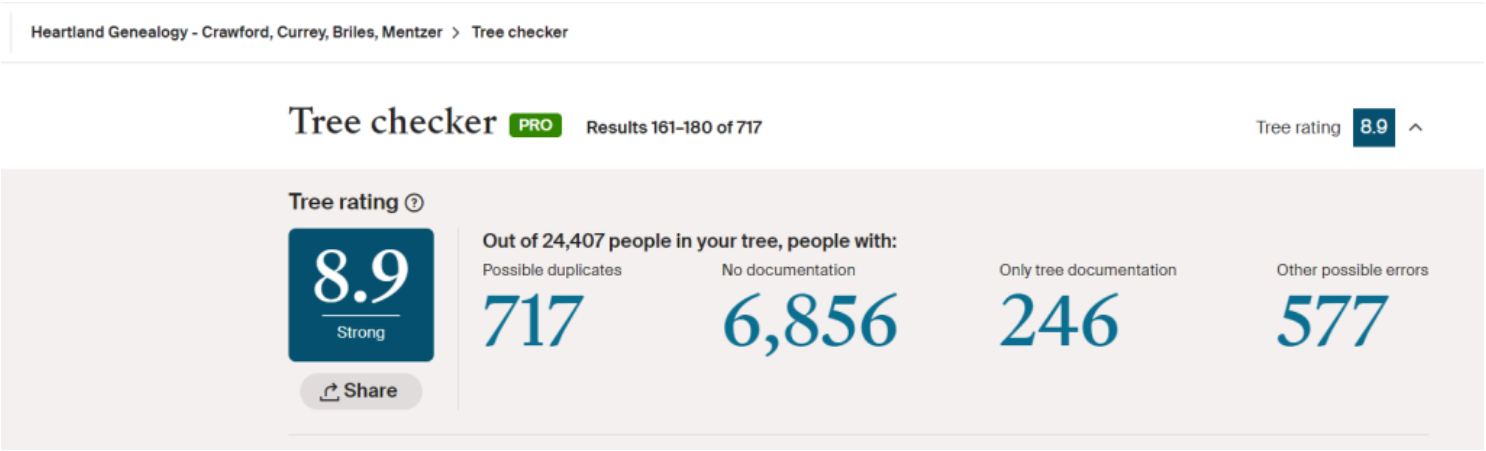
Interestingly, in these cases, the facts and dates are actually correct—the events did happen after death.

One unique feature of the MyHeritage tool is that it flags children born too close together. While it might signal an error based on the dates, it's possible that the sources for those birthdates are incorrect, which could be worth investigating further.

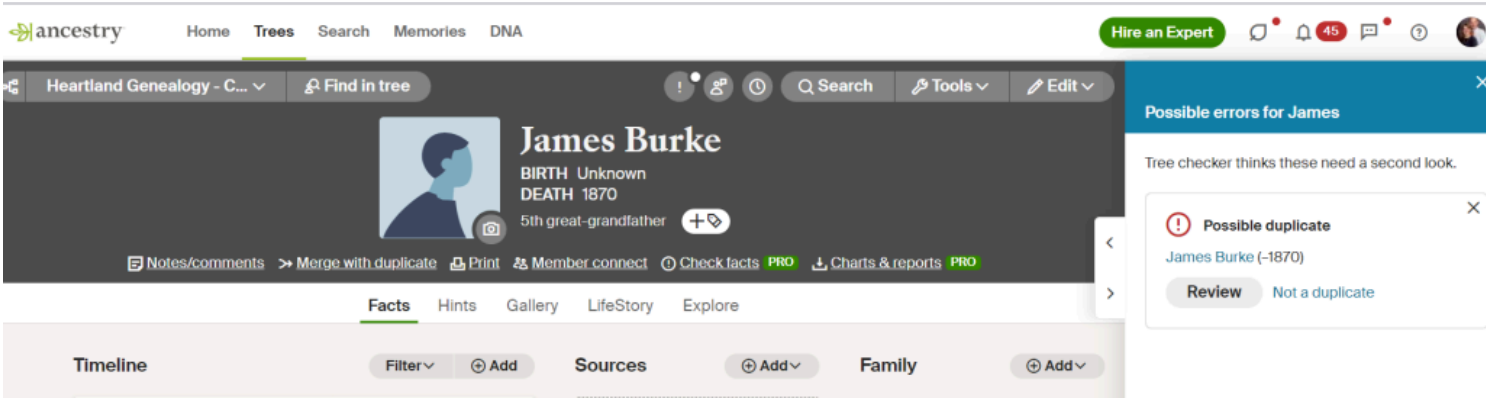

Hiram M. Currey (born August 13 1835) and his sister Caroline Kelso (born Currey) (born March 9 1836) are too close in age (209 days apart: about 6 months and 29 days)
Tip: Correct the birth date of Hiram M. Currey or of Caroline Kelso (born Currey).

Ancestry

Ancestry is where the bulk of my research resides. The Tree Check tool from ProTools revealed a significant number of issues in my tree.



Since I use RootsMagic's TreeShare for updates, I tend to ignore documentation errors. However, the "Possible Duplicates" feature was useful—it identifies people with similar names and birth/death dates. By clicking the exclamation mark on the right, you can review and possibly merge the individuals.



However, without numerical IDs attached to people in the tree, it can be tricky to find potential duplicates outside of the error checker. Knowing I have some similarly named individuals, I reviewed one such case.

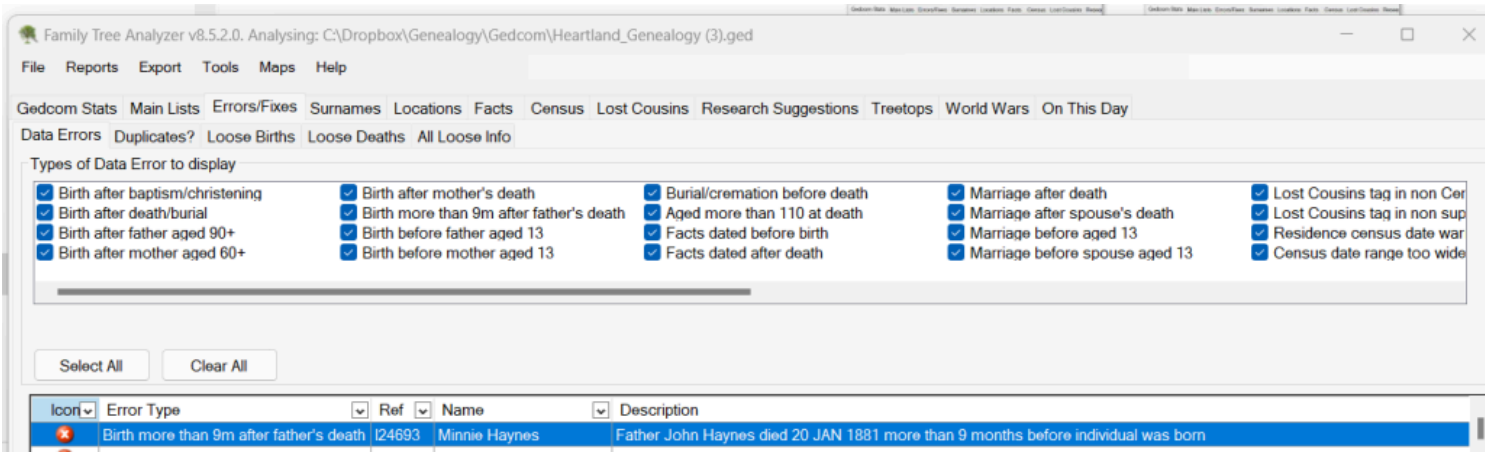
Crawford, James	1757 VA	10 May 1836 Kentucky, United States
Crawford, James	1758 Augusta, Virginia, United States	3 April 1836 Jefferson, Indiana, United States

While many researchers believe these two men are the same person, I've spent considerable time documenting them separately, so I'm reluctant to merge them without deeper investigation.

Many of the 577 other errors were due to birth dates not making sense relative to their parents.

Family Tree Analyzer

Unlike the online tools, Family Tree Analyzer works with a GEDCOM file. I used a file containing seven generations of ancestors to test it. The Error/Fixes screen identified many of the same issues that Ancestry and MyHeritage flagged.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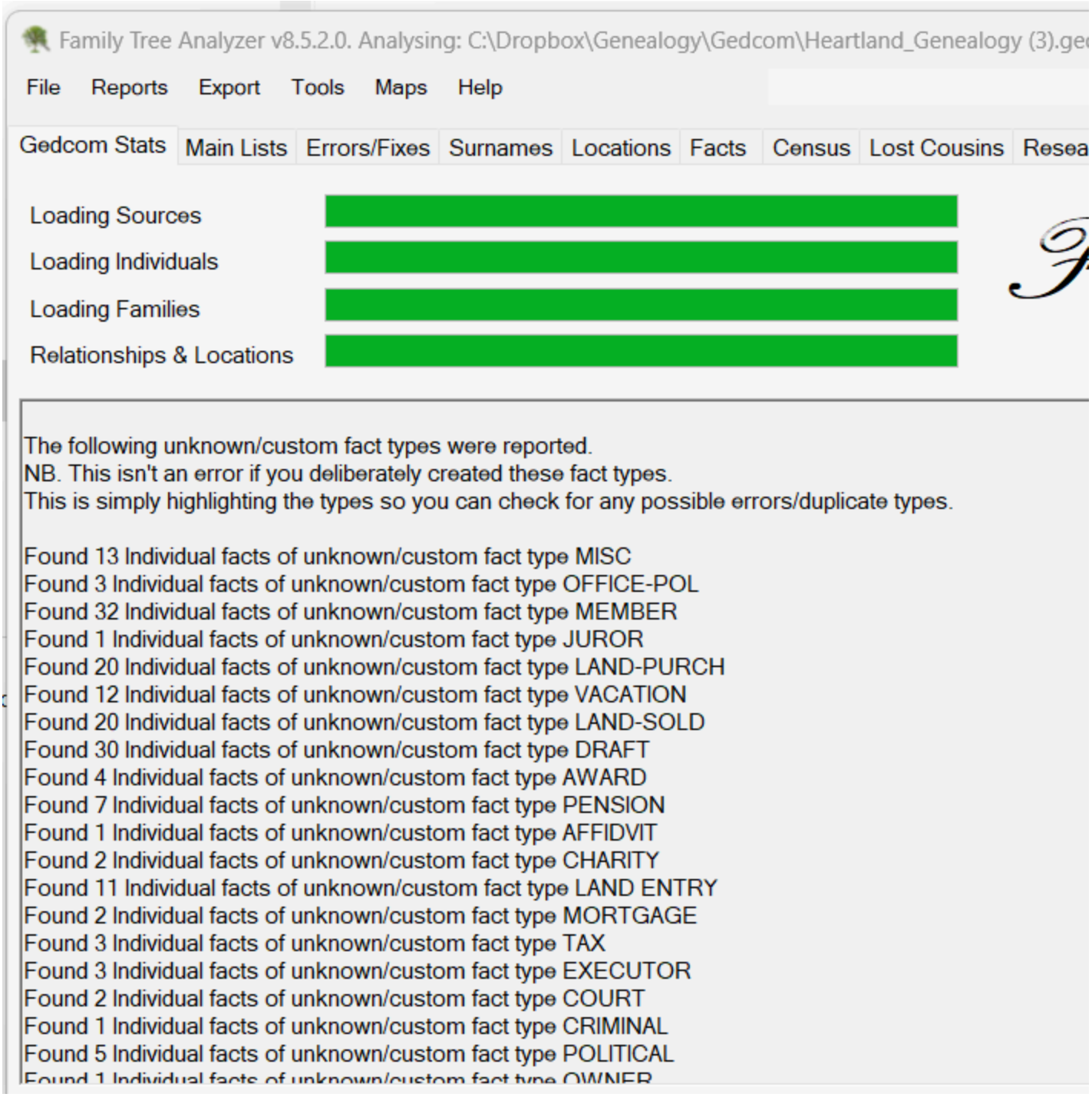
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NB. This isn't an error if you deliberately created these fact types.
This is simply highlighting the types so you can check for any possible errors/duplicate types.
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Found 3 Individual facts of unknown/custom fact type OFFICE-POL
Found 32 Individual facts of unknown/custom fact type MEMBER
Found 1 Individual facts of unknown/custom fact type JUROR
Found 20 Individual facts of unknown/custom fact type LAND-PURCH
Found 12 Individual facts of unknown/custom fact type VACATION
Found 20 Individual facts of unknown/custom fact type LAND-SOLD
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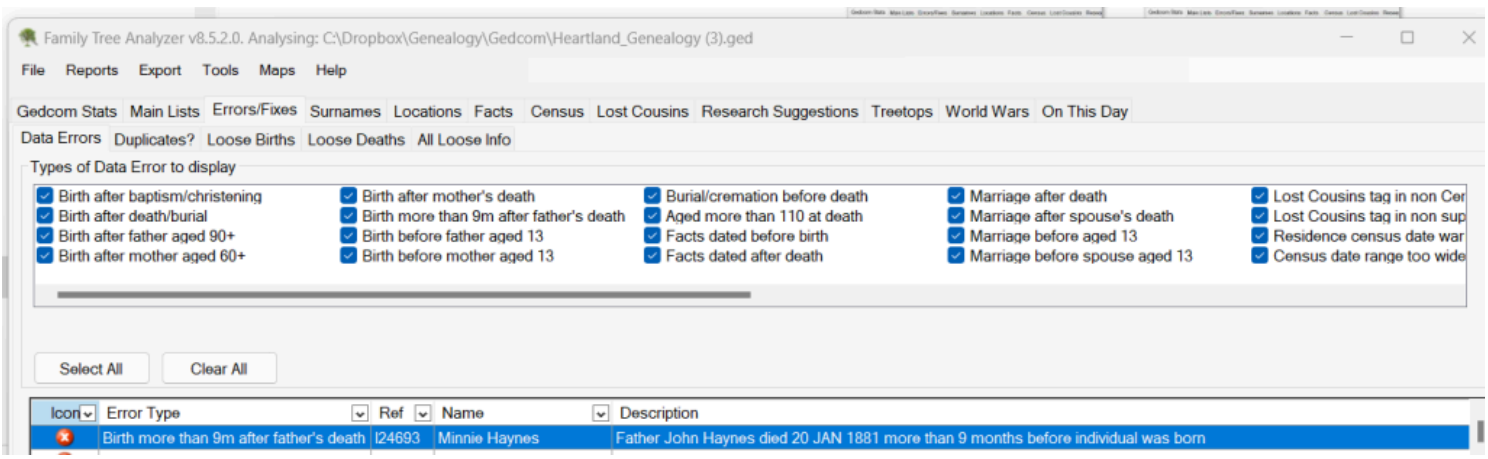
However, since my GEDCOM file from RootsMagic didn't include geocoding, every location was flagged as an issue.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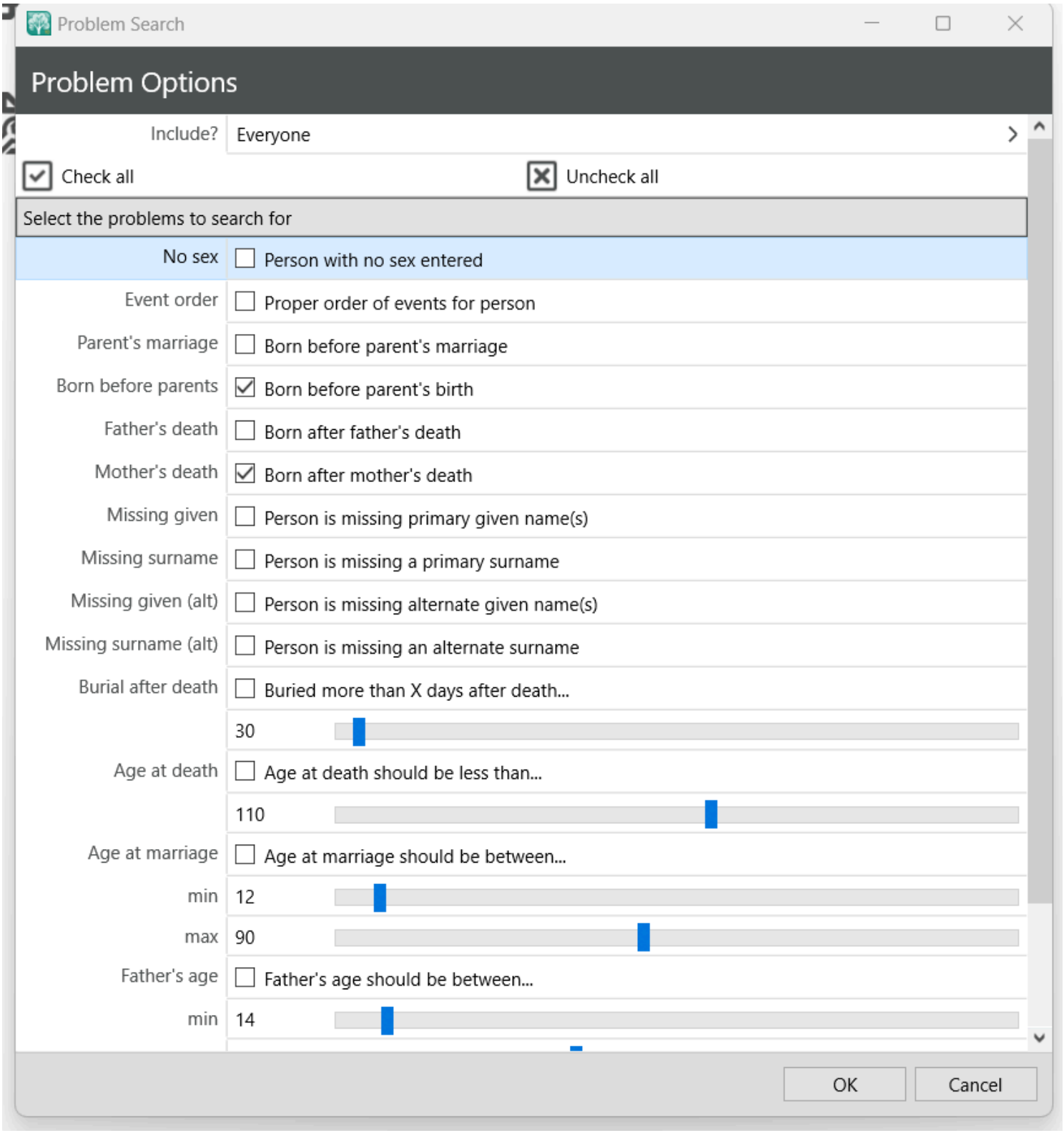
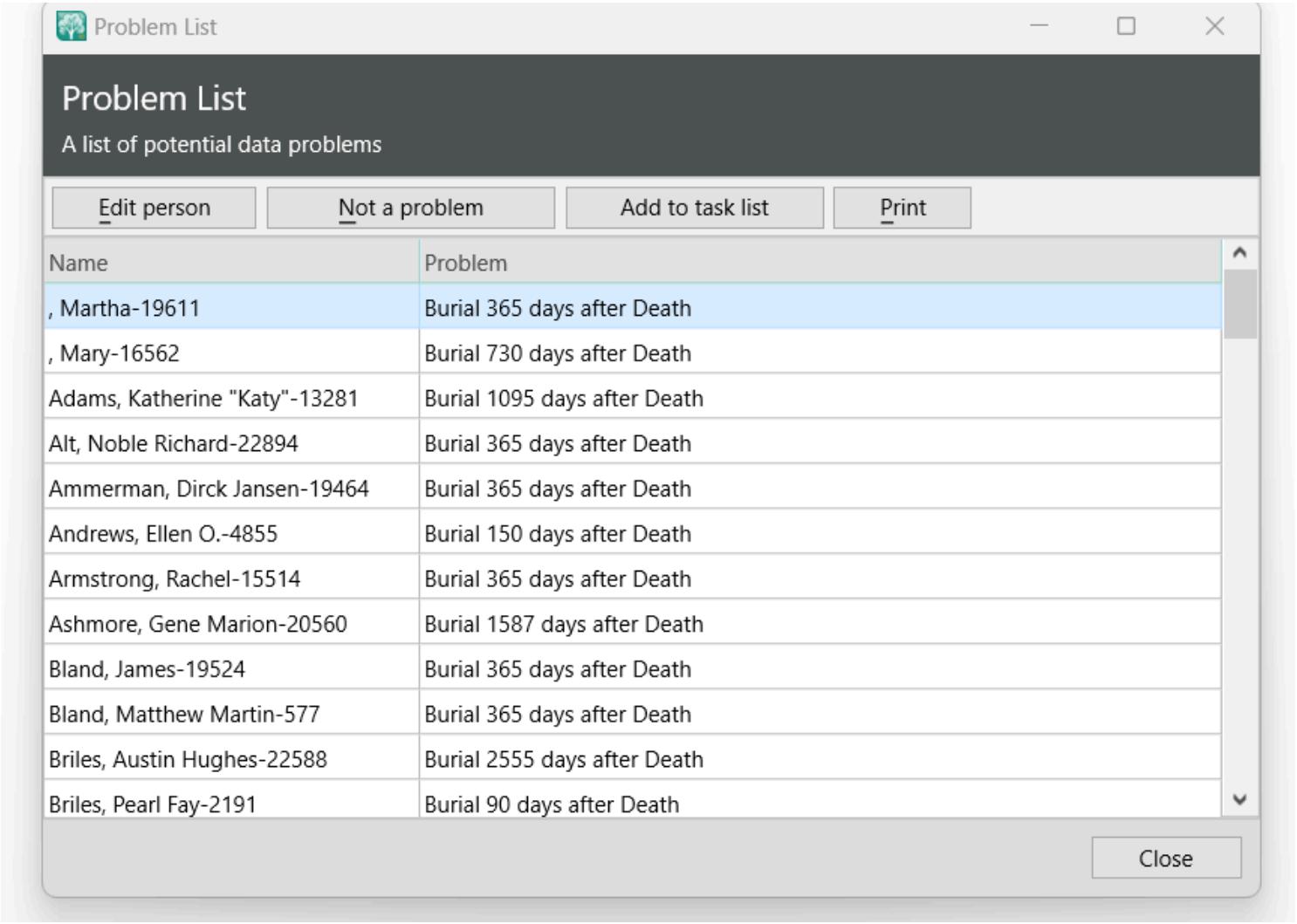
RootsMagic

In RootsMagic, I used the Command Palette to access the PROBLEM LIST.



Thankfully, this tool allows me to work on one problem type at a time. For example, burials occurring over 100 days after death generated quite a long list of ‘errors’ in my data.

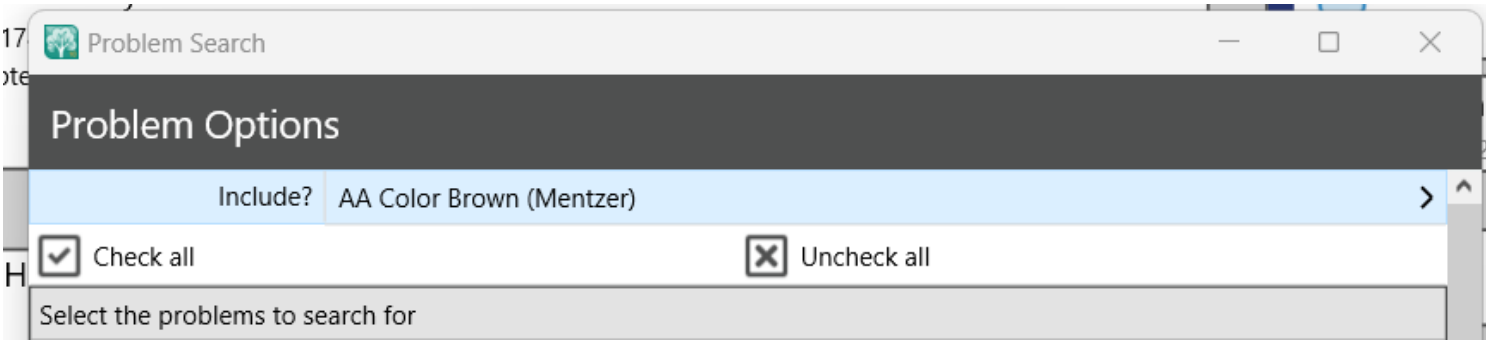


By highlighting a name and clicking 'Edit Person,' I could immediately view the source of the error. In one case, Matthew Martin Bland had two conflicting death dates: 27 July 1878 and 27 July 1879, both sourced. I had set the earlier date as primary, and the burial date was after the later one, causing the error. I removed the burial date but kept it as a 'sort' date, which resolved the issue.

53	**Residence**	24 August 1870	T 53 R34, Platte County, Missouri
54	**Will**	27 June 1871	Platte, Missouri, United States
61	**Death**	27 July 1878	Platte, Missouri, United States
-	**Burial**	after 27 July 1879	Alexander Cemetery, Platte, Missouri, United States
-	**Death**	27 July 1879	Weston, Platte, Missouri, United States

Will I Fix All These Errors?

Realistically, probably not. However, I might use the GROUP feature to narrow down the potential errors and make the process more manageable.



Thanks Randy, for the challenge—it was enlightening to explore these tools!

William A. Duggins

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 16, 2024
Duggins,Preble County

William A. Duggins was born on November 19, 1794, in Amherst, Virginia. Around 1809, William, still in his teenage years, moved to Ohio, settling in Preble County, where he became involved in the local community. By 1810, he was a member of the First Church of Eaton, known as “The Old Public Church,” in Washington Township.

On April 29, 1819, William married Sally Neal, a native of Harrison, Kentucky, who had moved to Ohio with her family in 1809. Their union marked the beginning of William’s long tenure as a farmer and landowner in Preble County. In the 1820 U.S. Census, the couple was recorded living in Washington Township, along with a household that included a young male relative. The tax records from the following years show that William began acquiring and expanding his land holdings. His first notable purchase came in December 1827 when he bought 80 acres from Joseph Sellers for $350. Over the next decade, William continued to expand his property, regularly appearing on tax rolls for both personal property and substantial land acquisitions. By the 1830s, he owned over 160 acres in Preble County.

As the Duggins family grew, so did their responsibilities and holdings. In 1840, William’s household included several children, and by 1850, he had acquired even more land. His purchases and sales of land during this period reveal his growing influence and wealth within the community. In 1852, William filed land entry papers in Indiana, a signal of his growing ambitions beyond Ohio. This was followed by additional land acquisitions and sales, including transactions with Nelson G. Crawford and members of his own family.

By 1860, William was a 66-year-old farmer, still residing in Washington Township with Sally. Over the years, he and Sally had lived a steady life, raising their children, managing their farm, and contributing to the growth of the local community. However, in 1871, Sally passed away at the age of 73, followed by William just a few months later in February 1872. Both were laid to rest at Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Preble County, Ohio.

Their lives, deeply tied to the development of Preble County, were characterized by a commitment to their family, faith, and farming. William’s legacy as a landowner and community member was evident even after his death, as his estate was probated just days after his passing, marking the conclusion of a long and prosperous life.

The above was written by ChatGPT based on the following Narrative Report from RootsMagic:

William A. Duggins was born on 19 Nov 1794 in Amherst, Virginia, United States. [1–2]

He moved to Ohio about 1809. [3]

About 1810, he was a member of the 1st church of Eaton called “the old Public Church” in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States. [4]

He married Sally Neal on 29 Apr 1819 in Preble County, Ohio. [5–9]

William was a neighbor of James Crawford in 1820 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States. [10]

He lived in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States on 1 Jul 1820 with a household containing 1 male 10-16, 1 male 26-45, and 1 female 16-26, listed as Wm Dougan. [10]

He was listed on the tax rolls for personal property in 1827 in Preble County, Ohio. [11]

William purchased land being 80 acres in the W 1/2 NW 1/4 S10T7R2 from Joseph Jr. and Elizabeth Sellers for $350 on 28 Dec 1827 in Preble County, Ohio. [12]

He was listed on the tax rolls for personal property in 1828 in Preble County, Ohio. [13]

He was listed on the tax rolls for personal property in 1829 in Preble County, Ohio. [14]

William was listed on the tax rolls for 160 acres in the NW 1/4 of S10 T7 R2 in 1830 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States. [15]

He lived in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States in Jul 1830 with a household containing 2 males 5-10, 1 male 10-15, 1 male 30-40 and 1 female 30-40. [16]

He purchased land being part of the NW quarter of section 10 in township7 of range 2 containing 60 acres for $350 from Joseph Sellers on 15 Dec 1830 in Preble County, Ohio. [17]

William was listed on the tax rolls for 160 acres in the NW S10T7R2 in 1831 in Preble County, Ohio. [18]

He was listed on the tax rolls for 160 acres in the NW of S10T7R2 in 1832 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States. [19]

He sold land being the S 1/2 of Section 30 in Township 23 N of Range 9 W to Nelson G Crawford for $1600 on 3 Sep 1833 in Pine Township, Warren, Indiana, United States. [20]

William was listed on the tax rolls for 160 acres in the NW 1/4 S10T7R2 and 160 acres in the NE 1/4 S10T7R2 in 1834 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States. [21]

He purchased land being 20 acre portion on East side NW 1/4 S10T7R2 and 160 acres being NE 1/4 S10T7R2 from Joseph Sellers and his wife Rachel for $2300 on 9 Jan 1834 in Preble County, Ohio. [22]

He was listed on the tax rolls for 160 acres in the NW and 160 acres in the NE of S10 T7 R2 in 1836 in Preble County, Ohio. [23]

William was listed on the tax rolls for 160 acres in the NW and 160 acres in the NE of S10 T7 R2 in 1837 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States. [24]

He was listed on the tax rolls for 160 acres in the NW and 160 acres in the NE of S10 T7 R2 in 1838 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States. [25]

He lived in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States in Jul 1840 with a household containing 1 male 10-15, 2 males 15-20, 1 male 40-50, 1 female 5-10 and 1 female 30-40. [26]

William purchased land being 40 acre portion SE 1/4 and 127 acre portion NE 1/4 S17T7R2 from George Crane for $3340 on 17 Mar 1849 in Preble County, Ohio. [27]

He lived in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States on 29 Jul 1850. [28]

He filed land entry papers for the W1/2 of the SE ¼ and the E ½ of the SW ¼ and the Nee ¼ of the SE ¼ and the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of section 30 in township 23N of range 9W in the District of lands subject to sale at Crawfordsville, Indiana on 1 Jul 1852 in Warren County, Indiana. [29]

William filed land entry papers SE ¼ of the SE ¼ and the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of section 30 in township 23 North of range 9 West in the district of lands subject to sale at Crawfordsville, Indiana containing 26 94/100 acres on 1 Aug 1853 in Warren County, Indiana. [30]

He sold land being part of NW 1/4 S10 T7 R2 described as follows measuring N 42 2/3 rods thence from the southwest corner of said lot 6 rods due East thence 13 1/2 due north to the NE corner of said lot the center of the county road is the West line of said lot to the Board of Education of Washington Township on 3 Sep 1855 in Preble County, Ohio. [31]

He sold land being same parcel of land deeded by Nelson G. Crawford to W. A. Duggins being the W 1/2 NW 1/4 S14T7R2 containing 77 acres to C. J. White for $2000 on 18 Jan 1856 in Preble County, Ohio. [32]

William sold land being 84 66/100 acres in N part SE 1/4 and S part NE 1/4 S17T7R2 to Henry J. Duggins on 10 Mar 1857 in Preble County, Ohio. [33]

He sold land being the north part of the NE quarter of section 17 in township 7 range 2 to Benjamin A. Duggins for $3000 on 2 Sep 1857 in Preble County, Ohio. [34]

He lived a 66 year old male farmer born Virginia and was listed as William Duggins in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States on 1 Jul 1860. [35–36]

William filed land entry papers in 1865 in Pottawattamie, Iowa, United States. [37–38]

He died on 18 Feb 1872 at the age of 77 in Preble County, Ohio. [1–2,39–40]

He was buried at Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Preble County, Ohio. [1–2,39]

William had his estate probated on 26 Feb 1872 in Preble County, Ohio. [41–42]

William A. Duggins and Sally Neal were married on 29 Apr 1819 in Preble County, Ohio. [5–9]

Sally Neal, daughter of Benjamin Neal and Mary Sellers, was born on 21 Jun 1798 in Harrison, Kentucky, United States. [2,39,43]

She lived in Ohio in 1809. [43]

She married William A. Duggins on 29 Apr 1819 in Preble County, Ohio. [5–9]

She lived in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States on 29 Jul 1850 as a 52 year old white female born Kentucky listed as Sarah Duggins. [44–45]

Sally lived in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States on 1 Jul 1860 as a 60 year old female listed as Sally Duggins. [35]

She died on 19 Dec 1871 at the age of 73 in Preble County, Ohio. [2,39,46]

She was buried at Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Preble County, Ohio. [2,39]

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Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 17, 2024
Nemaha County,Purple Heart,World War II

Wilfred Smith

Wilfred Thomas Smith was born on July 25, 1919, in Seneca, Kansas, to John J. and Elizabeth Gunther Smith. He grew up in Seneca, attending the Blue Star School and Saints Peter & Paul School. Before his military service, he worked for Nemaha County in the Roads Department. On February 4, 1939, Wilfred married Marie H. Rosengarten in Topeka, Kansas, and together they had a son, Donald Smith.

Wilfred Smith's military journey began on September 22, 1944, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He served in the 34th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Division, a unit deployed in the South Pacific during World War II. His deployment saw him engaged in several critical battles across the Pacific, where he displayed courage and resilience in the face of adversity.

The 24th Infantry Division, which Wilfred was a part of, played a significant role in the Pacific Theater. After initial occupation duties in the Hollandia area, the division was assigned to X Corps of the Sixth United States Army in preparation for the invasion of the Philippines. On October 20, 1944, the 24th Division landed on Leyte Island, encountering fierce Japanese resistance. The division advanced through the Leyte Valley, capturing strategic positions such as Jaro and Breakneck Ridge in heavy combat.

Wilfred and his regiment continued their assault across various islands, moving from Leyte to Mindoro and then to Luzon. On Luzon, the 34th Infantry Regiment, which included Wilfred, faced intense battles at locations such as Zig Zag Pass and Corregidor, suffering significant casualties. The division then moved to Mindanao, where they engaged in further combat operations, clearing Japanese forces from the island.

SENECA KANSAS
34TH INF.
WILFRED SMITH
SHIKOKU
LEYTE
TAKUMA
NEW GUINE
24TH DIV.
A.S.N.
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During his service in the Philippines, Wilfred was wounded twice. On May 29, 1945, he was slightly wounded on Mindanao, an injury that necessitated hospitalization. Prior to this, he had sustained another injury to his hands and arms, which also required medical attention. Despite these injuries, Wilfred continued to serve with distinction, earning two Purple Hearts for his bravery and sacrifice. Due to a head injury sustained during combat, he had a steel plate placed in his head, a lasting reminder of his wartime experiences.

Wilfred's letters home during this period were a source of comfort for his family, particularly his wife, Marie, who received frequent updates on his status. The hardships and realities of war were a constant backdrop, but Wilfred's determination and spirit remained undaunted. His family in Seneca, including his parents and siblings, supported him through their correspondence and prayers.

After the war, Wilfred was discharged on April 12, 1946, as a staff sergeant. He returned to his hometown of Seneca, where he resumed civilian life. He worked at the Farmer's Elevator in Seneca before joining the Seneca Wholesale, where he worked for 35 years, first as a truck driver and later as a salesman. He continued to contribute to his community even after his retirement in 1981, working part-time and assisting at local car dealerships.

Wilfred was an active member of the Saints Peter & Paul Church in Seneca and was involved with the St. Joseph Society, the Earle W. Taylor Post #21 of the American Legion, and the Seneca Memorial Post #7458 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He remained dedicated to his community and his church until his death on November 21, 2000, at the age of 81. He was laid to rest with full military honors at the Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in Seneca, Kansas.

Wilfred Thomas Smith's life is a testament to the bravery and resilience of those who served during World War II. His contributions, both on the battlefield and in his community, reflect the spirit of a generation dedicated to service and sacrifice.

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Wandering

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 18, 2024
Kansas

Do you ever feel like you've wandered off course in your genealogy research? Lately, I've found myself 'off track' with my Crawford research, especially while exploring FamilySearch's new experimental labs. While I've uncovered fascinating deeds and wills, I'm not quite sure how they connect to my Crawford lineage.

It reminds me of a recent trip to Grinter Farms with my husband to see the sunflowers. Just like genealogy, we had two options for getting there: the fast, familiar route or a slower, less-traveled one. Due to construction, we opted for the back roads, and what a choice that was! The drive led us through scenic farm country, offering unexpected beauty along the way.

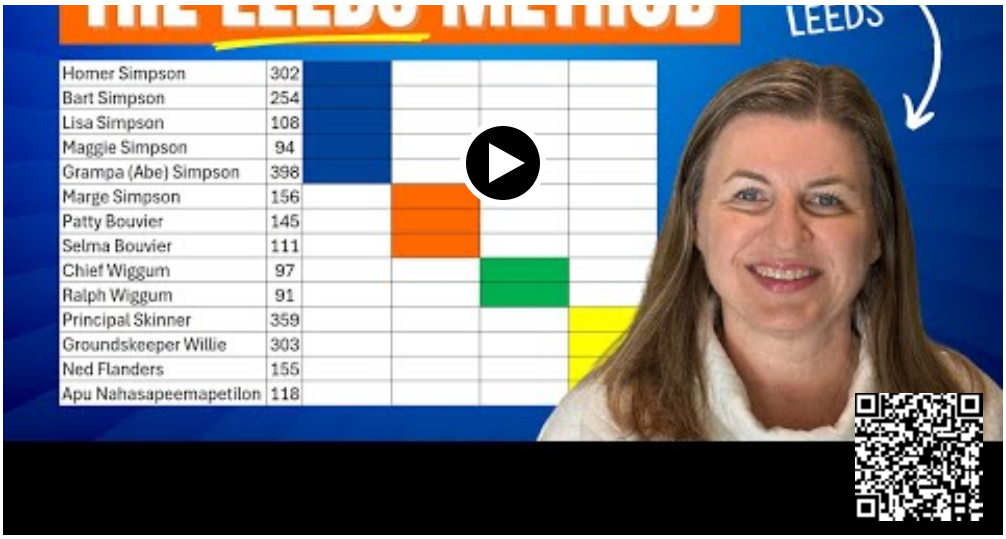
In the end, I got to take some amazing photos of the sunflowers—just like in genealogy, even when you're unsure of your path, the journey can still lead to rewarding discoveries.

Leeds Method

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 19, 2024
DNA

I've known about this technique for analyzing matches for a while, but I hadn't fully applied it until now. Recently, Dana Leeds shared a helpful video walking through the process, which you can watch here:

https://youtube.com/watch?v=zMDbU72_-Ms



So, I decided to dive in and see what insights I could uncover from my own DNA matches.

Tree	in my tree		Currey/ Hutchinson	Mentzer/ Wells	Crawford/ Hammond	Briles/ Ricketts
no -	yes	335	*			
unlinked	yes	189				
yes	yes	179				
no -	no	147				
yes	yes	132				
yes	yes	127				
yes - all private		123				
unlinked - all private		122				
unlinked - only 2 people		119				
unlinked		114				
unlinked - 1 person		113				
no -		110				
unlinked	yes	105				
unlinked	yes	101				
yes	yes	144				
unlinked	yes	307		*		
no -	yes	281				
unlinked	yes	280				
no -	yes	180				
unlinked	yes	154				
yes	yes	154				
unlinked	yes	137				
yes	yes	133				
yes	yes	119				
yes	yes	111				
unlinked - 4 people		111				
yes	yes	106				
no -		100				
unlinked	yes	95				
yes	yes	203				*
yes	yes	98				
no -		96				
yes	yes	92				
yes	yes	305			*	
no -		189				
yes	yes	186				
yes	yes	131				
no -	yes	126				
yes -2 private		114				

So, what did I discover?

One interesting match came from my first cousin's granddaughter, who had both yellow and pink highlights, as we share the same grandparents.

By adding family tree information to the spreadsheet, I realized that I hadn't connected some known matches to my tree. I was able to update this information and make those connections.

Initially, I was surprised to find only a few 'pink' matches compared to the other three branches of my tree. However, after reviewing my tree, I realized this could be due to my mother having only three first cousins on that branch.

While I didn't uncover any major revelations, this process gave me a clearer understanding of how grouping matches can help unravel relationships.

Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 20, 2024
Kansas,Mentzer,Woodson_County

Marriage of John F Mentzer to Anna M Wells in Woodson County, Kansas.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

State of Kansas, } ss. In the Probate Court of said County and State.
Woodson County.

John T & Mentzer, who now here makes application for Marriage License, addressed to any person authorized by law to join in marriage John T Mentzer the said John T Mentzer aged 23 years, and Anna M Wells aged 23 years, being by me first duly sworn, doth say that the above Statements are true

And that they, the said John T Mentzer and Anna M. Wells are not related to each other in the degrees prohibited by law, to-wit: Parent and child, grandparent and grandchild of any degree, brother and sister of either the one-half or of the whole blood, uncle and niece, aunt and nephew, nor first cousins—and that there exists no legal impediment to said marriage.

George Mentzer

In Testimony Whereof, I, the undersigned, Judge of the Probate Court in and for Woodson County, and ex-officio Clerk thereof, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said (SEAL) Court at my office, this 23 day of March, A. D. 1895

Jas Dutro Probate Judge.

STATE OF KANSAS, } Office of Probate Judge of said County.
COUNTY OF WOODSON.

Be it Remembered, That on the 23 day of March, A. D 1895, there was issued from the office of said Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy:

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

No.

Woodson County, State of Kansas. Yates Center Mar 23 A. D. 1895

To any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in Marriage John T Mentzer of Yates Center aged 23 years, and Anna M Wells of " " aged 23 years, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

(Seal.) Jas Dutro Probate Judge.

And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to-wit: on the 23 day of March, A. D. 1895, returned to said Probate Judge, with the following Certificate endorsed thereon, to-wit:

STATE OF KANSAS, County of Woodson, ss.

I, G H Lamb do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the 23 day of March, A. D. 1895, at new Yates Center in said County, join and unite in Marriage the within named John T Mentzer and Anna M. Wells

Witness my Hand and seal this day and year above written.

G H Lamb
Christian Minister

ATTEST: Jas Dutro Probate Judge.

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Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 21, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II

A Critical Time in History of World

War activities are stepping up in Europe and in the United States.
President Roosevelt, in a speech this coming Wednesday night, may define the set of the sail which this country is taking.
Herbert Hoover, ex-president, warned last night that the United States will be in “wait-the-minute its navy is put into action.” He asked that more time for industrial and military preparation be given before such a step. Hoover stated the nation is divided as to a foreign war, though in complete unity as to what to do about aggression here.
Last week the British Royal Air Force blasted Hamburg and Bremen. The Germans last night gave London its worst bombing of the war, damaging many noted structures. The British meanwhile again blasted Hamburg, other invasion ports, and Berlin to a lesser degree.
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The war department lists Perry, Kansas as a possible site for a new training camp.
Three German seamen were arrested last week in Kansas, one at Randolph, two at Winkler, for overstaying leaves in this country. They were taken to Kansas City for action of the immigration department. The country is in a jittery stage. One news dispatch features that the three were living in towns near Fort Riley. The seamen said they were living inland with relatives, trying to pass the time cheaply until the war is over.

Courier Tribune, 12 May 1941, page 1

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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 22, 2024
Uncategorized

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

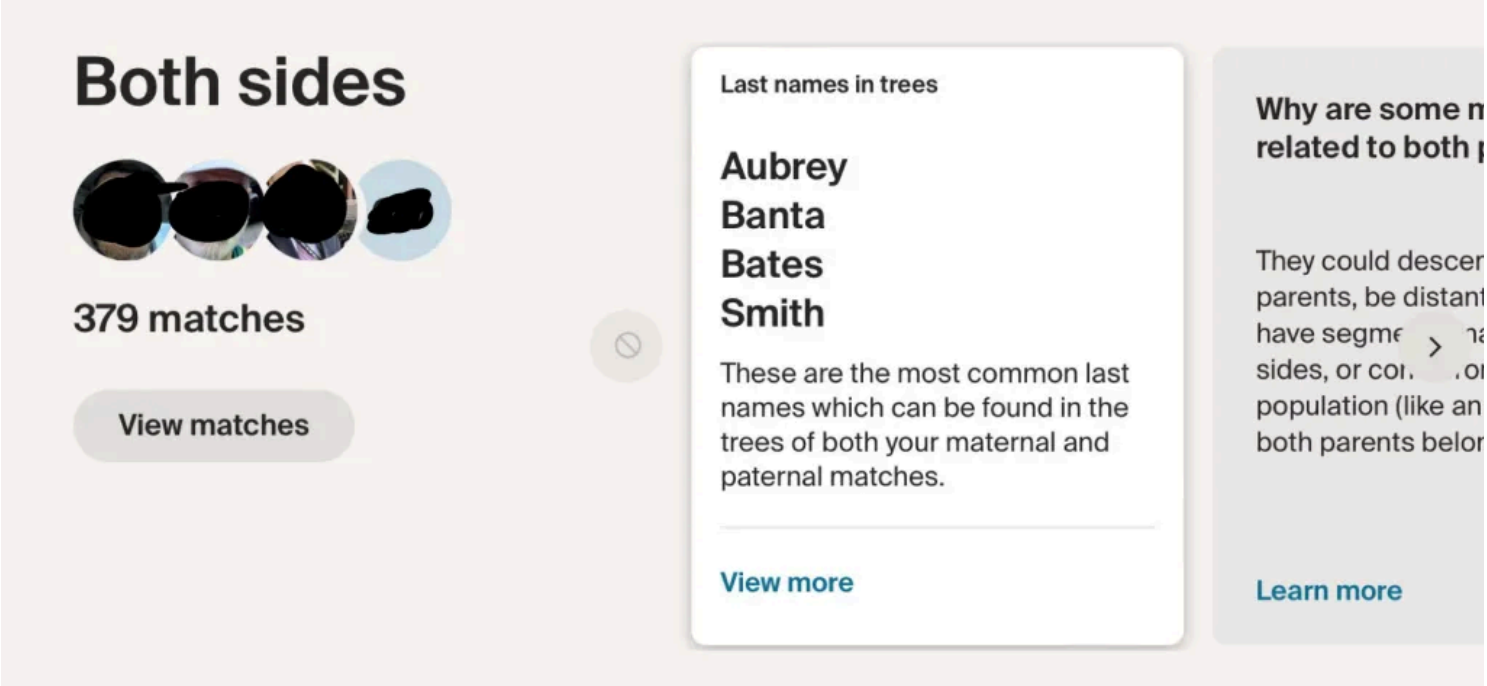
Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

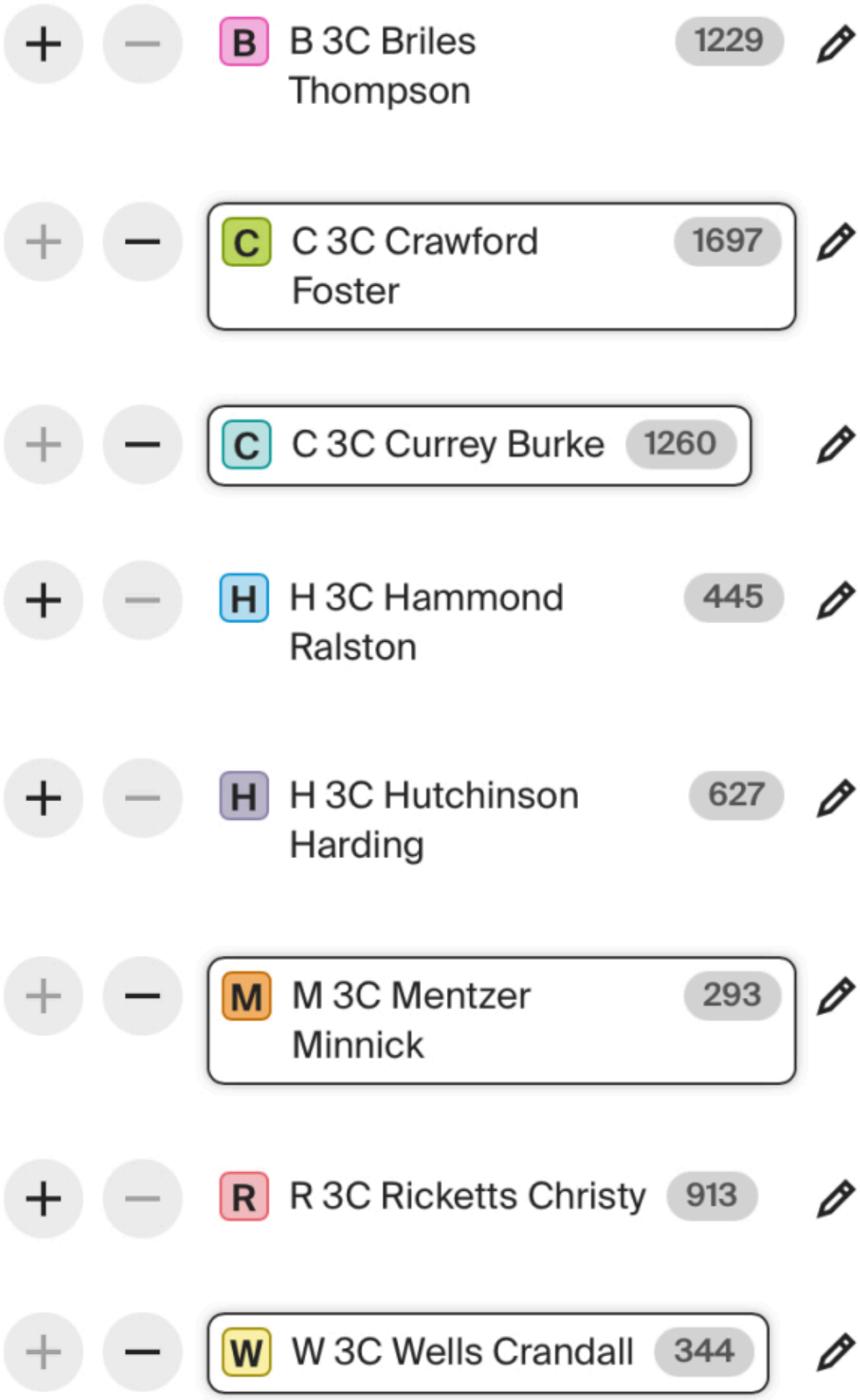
1) Were your parents related to each other? Do your paternal and maternal lines have any surnames in common? Are they related or is there no known connection? Are there possible connections?

Are my parents related to each other?
I'm not aware of any relationship. However, the Smith surname is found in both sides of my tree. Thus, it is possible that my parents are distant cousins.

Ancestry DNA's "by parent" screen shows 379 matches to both sides.



Since I have color coded most of my matches I can scroll thru matches I share with my mother looking for green or blue shades of the dots since these colors are associated with my dad's side of the tree. Thus, when I find a match in Crawford and Currey groups along with Mentzer and Wells groups, I know I have come across someone who shares DNA with both sides of my tree.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H H 3C Hammond Ralston 445
H H 3C Hutchinson Harding 627
M M 3C Mentzer Minnick 293
R R 3C Ricketts Christy 913
W W 3C Wells Crandall 344

Because this possible relationship is quite distant, I doubt I will ever figure out how my parents might be related.

Benjamin Duggins Land

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 23, 2024
Uncategorized

Farmer Benjamin Duggins purchases a little over 84 acres of land in Preble county, Ohio from his parents in 1857.

William A. Duggins and Sally Duggins to Benjamin A Duggins presented & Recorded
September 2d 1857 Know all men by these presents that William A Duggins and
Sally Duggins of the county of Preble and State of Ohio, in consideration of three thousand
Dollars to them paid by Benjamin A. Duggins of the County of Preble and State of Ohio
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby grant bargain sell and
convey to the said Benjamin A. Duggins his heirs and assigns forever the
following described real estate situate lying and being in the County of Preble
and State of Ohio and being the North part of the North East quarter of section
No. seventeen (17) in Township No. seven (7) and range two (2) East &c & bounded
and described as follows to wit: Beginning at the North west corner of said
quarter a + on a boulder witness a W on a boulder N 57 3/4 degrees E 46 links and a W on
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thence South 4 degrees E one hundred and four and sixty one hundredths poles to a corner
thence S 86 degrees west one hundred and twenty nine and forty hundredths poles to the west
line of said quarter, thence north 4 degrees West one hundred and four and forty two
hundredths poles to the place of beginning containing eighty four and sixty
five hundredth acres be the same more or less and all the estate title and
interest of the said William A. Duggins and Sally Duggins either in law or in
equity of in and to the said premises together with all the privileges & appurtenances
to the same belonging to have and to hold the same to the only proper use of the
said Benjamin A. Duggins his heirs and assigns forever And the said
William A Duggins and Sally Duggins for themselves their heirs executors
and administrators hereby covenant with the said Benjamin A Duggins
his heirs and assigns that they are the true and lawful owners of the said premises
and have full power to convey the same and that the title so conveyed is clean free
and unencumbered and further that they will warrant and defend the same
against all claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. In witness whereof, the
said William A. Duggins and Sally Duggins his wife who hereby release his reight
and expectancy of dower in the said premises, have hereunto set their hands and
seals on this tenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and fifty seven Signed Sealed
William A. (his mark) Duggins (seal)
Sally (her mark) Duggins (seal)

Acknowledged and delivered in presence of us
Chas W swain
John V Campbell
John Neal

State of Ohio Preble County SS
Be it remembered that on the tenth day of March in eh year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven before me the subscriber Judge

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of the Probate Court in and for said county personally came William A. Duggins and
Sally Duggins the grantors in the above deed and acknowledged the signing and sealing thereof
to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and the
said Sally Duggins wife of the said William A. Duggins being examined by me separate
and apart form her said husband and the contents of said deed made known & explained
to her by me as the Statute directs declared that she did voluntarily sign seal & acknowledge
the same and that she is still satisfied therewith as her act and deed for the uses and
purposes therein mentioned. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed
my name and affixed my official seal on the day and year aforesaid
(seal)

John V Campbell
Probate Judge

Ohio, Preble County. Deeds, 1805-1963. Film #564925 DGS 8588004. Benjamin Duggins, 10 March 1857; Vol. 46: page 412; digital image, Family Search http://www.familysearch.org : viewed online 14 September 2024.

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William N. Duggins and Sally Duggins To Benjamin N. Duggins. Recorded & Recorded September 2d 1857. Know all men by these presents that William N. Duggins and Sally Duggins of the County of Preble and State of Ohio in consideration of three thousand Dollars to them paid by Benjamin N. Duggins of the County of Preble and State of Ohio the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby grant bargain sell and convey to the said Benjamin N. Duggins his heirs and assigns forever the following described real estate situate lying and being in the County of Preble and State of Ohio and being the North part of the North East quarter of section No seventeen (17) in Township No seven (7) and Range two (2) East Va. & Bounded and described as follows, to wit, Beginning at the North West corner of said quarter, a + on a boulder, witness a W on a Boulder N. 61¾° E 46 links and a W on a boulder N 32½° W 44 links, thence N 86° East one hundred twenty nine forty hundredths poles to a corner a + on a boulder planted for the N.W. corner of section 9, thence South ¼° E one hundred and four and sixty one hundredths poles to a corner, thence S 86° West one hundred and twenty nine and forty hundredths poles to the west line of said quarter, thence North ¼ West one hundred and four and forty two hundredths poles to the place of beginning Containing Eighty four and sixty five hundredths acres be the same more or less, and all the estate title and interest of the said William N. Duggins and Sally Duggins either in Law or in Equity of in and to the said premises together with all the privileges & appurtenances to the same belonging To have and to hold the same to the only proper use of the said Benjamin N. Duggins his heirs and assigns forever. And the said William N. Duggins and Sally Duggins for themselves their heirs, executors, and administrators hereby Covenant with the said Benjamin N. Duggins his heirs and assigns that they are the true and lawful owners of the said premises and have full power to convey the same, and that the title so conveyed is clear free and unincumbered, and further that they will Warrant and Defend the same against all claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. In Witness Whereof the said William N. Duggins and Sally Duggins his wife who hereby releases her right and expectancy of dower in the said premises have hereunto set their hands and seals on this tenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven Signed, Sealed, Acknowledged, and Delivered in presence of us.

Chas. M. Swain
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Sally her mark Duggins

State of Ohio Preble County ss.

Be it Remembered, that on the tenth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty [illegible] before me the subscriber Judge

of the Probate Court in and for said County personally came William A Duggins and Sally Duggins the Grantors in the above Deed and acknowledged the signing and sealing thereof to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. And the said Sally Duggins wife of the said William A Duggins being examined by me separate and apart from her said husband and the contents of said Deed made Known & explained to her by me as the Statute directs, declared that she did voluntarily sign seal & acknowledge the same and that she is still satisfied therewith as her act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Official seal on the day and year aforesaid.

Seal

Wm A Campbell
Probate Judge

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 24, 2024
Nemaha County,Purple Heart

James J Huerter

James J. Huerter, born on May 29, 1924, in Nemaha County, Kansas, lived a life marked by service and dedication. Growing up in the Goff community, he graduated from Goff High School in 1942, just as the world was engulfed in the turmoil of World War II. James Joseph Huerter registered for the draft in June 1942. On February 28, 1944, James enlisted in the U.S. Army at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and was assigned to the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment, a unit renowned for its airborne operations in the Pacific Theater.

James's military journey began with rigorous training stateside before he was deployed to the Pacific. As a member of the 503rd, he found himself amidst some of the most critical battles of the Pacific campaign. Although specific details of his personal actions during these engagements are not extensively documented, the history of his unit provides a vivid backdrop to his service.

The 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment was heavily involved in major operations across the Pacific. One of their significant missions took place in July 1944 on the island of Noemfoor, off the coast of Dutch New Guinea. The regiment successfully parachuted onto the island, engaged the Japanese garrison, and secured airfields that would be vital for future Allied operations moving from New Guinea to the Philippines. This operation exemplified the effectiveness and strategic importance of airborne assaults in the Pacific.

In December 1944, the 503rd took part in an amphibious landing on Mindoro Island in the Philippines. Originally planned as an airborne operation, the landing was adapted to an amphibious assault due to logistical constraints. The mission aimed to establish air bases to support further operations in Luzon. Despite facing intense Japanese resistance, including naval shelling and air attacks, the 503rd achieved its objectives, securing key positions that would facilitate subsequent Allied advances.

The regiment's most famous operation was the assault on Corregidor in February 1945. On February 16, the 503rd conducted a daring parachute jump onto the island fortress of Corregidor in Manila Bay. This mission was crucial in liberating the island from Japanese control, a symbolic and strategic victory. The operation was marked by intense fighting, with the 503rd encountering stiff resistance from the Japanese defenders. The successful capture of Corregidor earned the regiment the Presidential Unit Citation, recognizing their extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy.

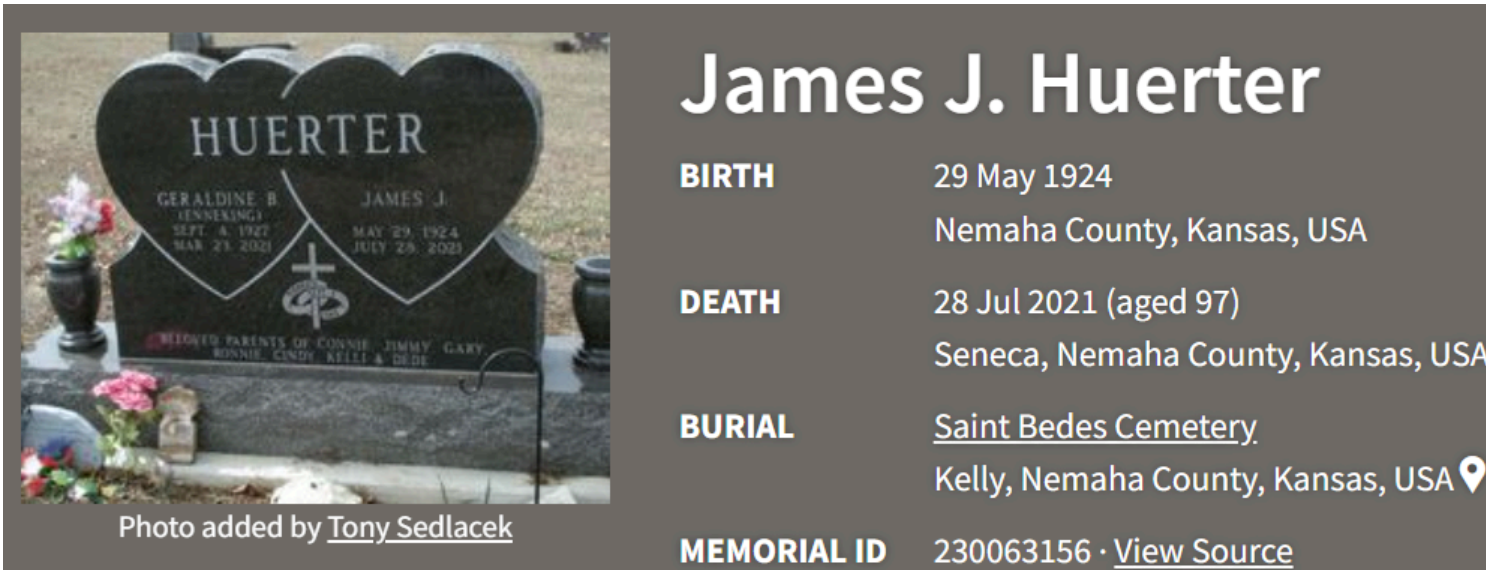
Following Corregidor, the 503rd was deployed to Negros Islandin in March 1945, where they engaged in prolonged combat against Japanese forces entrenched in the island's mountainous terrain. For over five months, the regiment faced fierce resistance, demonstrating their resilience and tenacity. The campaign on Negros was one of endurance and tactical maneuvering, further solidifying the 503rd's reputation as a formidable fighting force.

In April 1945, James Huerter was hospitalized due to a battle-related injury. He remained under medical care until his discharge in June 1945.

During his service with the 503rd, James was involved in these significant campaigns, experiencing the realities of war in the Pacific. He was wounded multiple times, earning three Purple Hearts for his injuries, and he was awarded two Bronze Stars, a testament to his bravery and service. He was discharged from the Army on February 9, 1946, with the rank of Technician Fifth Grade (Tec 5).

Upon returning to civilian life, James continued to serve his community. He pursued a certificate in Electrical studies and married Geraldine "Jerrie" B. Enneking on September 3, 1946. Together, they made their home in the Kelly community of Kansas. James remained an active member of his community and veterans' organizations, embodying the spirit of service throughout his life.

James J. Huerter's military career is interwoven with the remarkable history of the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment. While the broader actions of his unit in the Pacific Theater are well-documented and celebrated, James's personal journey through these harrowing experiences reflects the courage and dedication of a soldier committed to his duty. His service, alongside his comrades in the 503rd, contributed to the Allied efforts to secure victory in World War II.



Sources:

Find a Grave

- Provides biographical details about James J. Huerter, including his birth, death, family, and post-war life.

Courier Tribune, 1 May 1944, Page 2

- Mentions James Huerter's service in the U.S. Army and his assignment to the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Courier Tribune, 23 Oct 1944, Page 1

- Describes James Huerter's furlough from Yuma, Arizona Army Airport to visit his family.

Courier Tribune, 18 Sep 1944, Page 6

- Notes James Huerter's leave from Ft. Benning, Georgia, and his experience as a paratrooper with the 503rd.

Courier Tribune, 11 April 1946, Page 3

- Details James Huerter's return from overseas service and his sister Mary Catherine's visit.

Courier Tribune, 29 April 1946, Page 3

- Describes James Huerter's employment at the A&P store following his return from military service.

Perplexity

- Provides a historical overview of the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment's actions in World War II, including major operations such as the Noemfoor Campaign, the Mindoro Operation, the Battle of Corregidor, and the Negros Campaign.

WWII Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954

- Lists details about James Huerter's injuries and medical treatment during his military service.

WWII Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946

- Provides information about James Huerter's enlistment, service number, and rank.

WWII Draft Registration Cards for Kansas, 1940-1947
– Contains personal details from James Huerter's draft registration.

A Condensed History of the 503d Parachute Regimental Combat Team, WWII
– Provides a detailed history of the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment, including their training, operations, and battles during World War II.

Note: The above narrative was written by ChatGPT using the information from the various sources.

Re-Thinking TreeShare

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 25, 2024
Ancestry,RootsMagic

Do you use RootsMagic? Have an Ancestry tree? Do you sync them regularly?

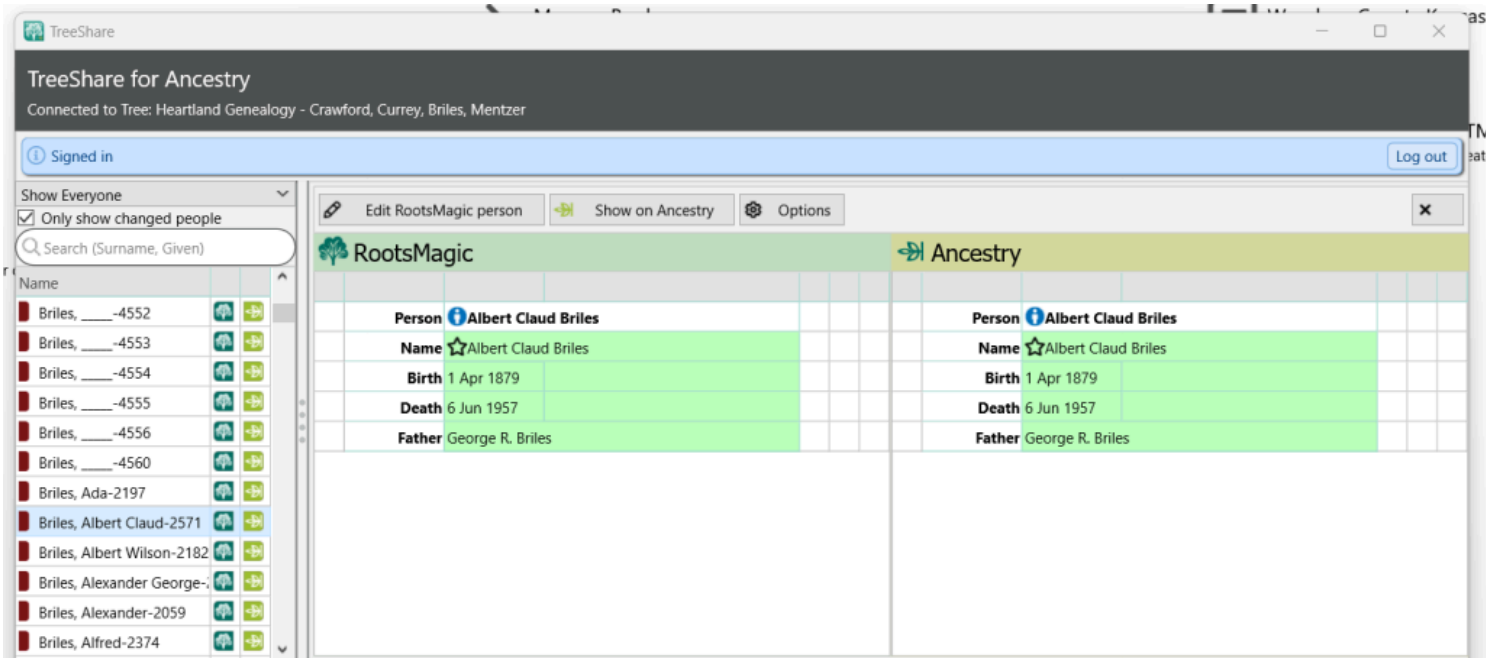
Based on discussions from various genealogy groups, many RootsMagic users treat their Ancestry tree as their primary one, using RootsMagic's TreeShare feature to download updates and sync information.

However, in the blog post *"Why I Don't Sync RootsMagic with Ancestry Anymore"* by Stewart Blandon Trainman, the author explains why they no longer download updates from Ancestry, which resonates with my own experience.

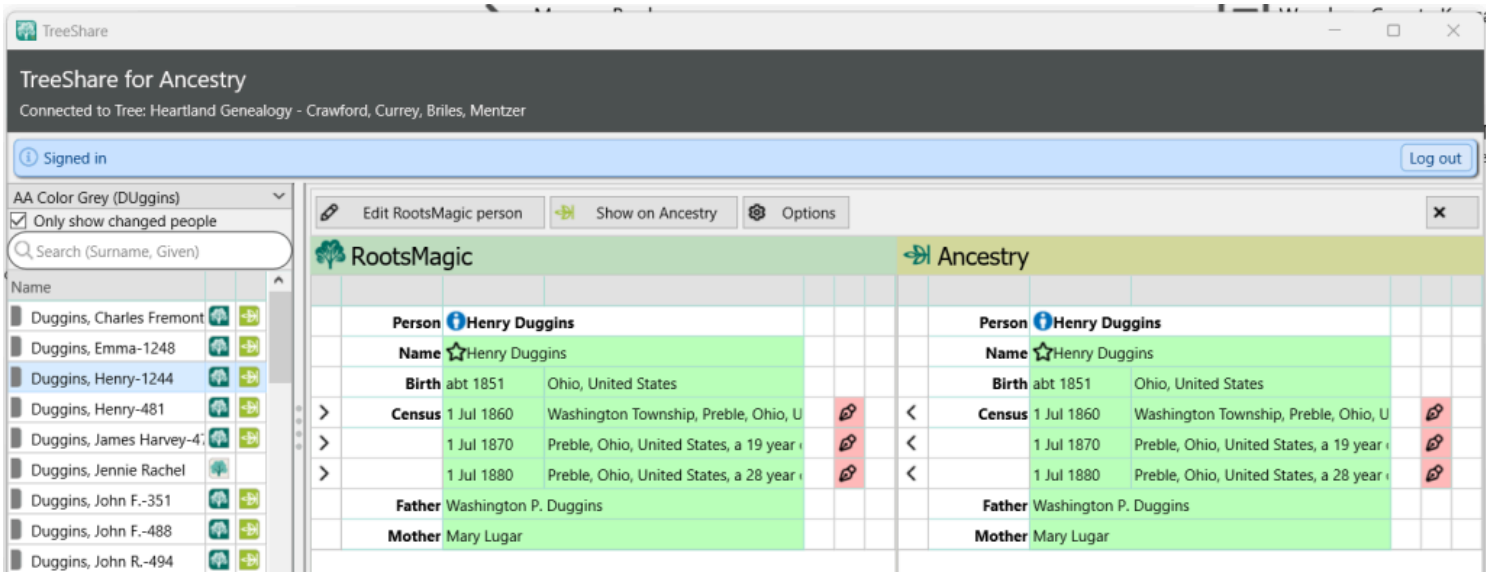
I've used RootsMagic as my primary tree and relied on TreeShare to upload changes for a while, but recently, I've run into problems that make me reconsider this approach. These issues, I believe, stem from the Ancestry side.

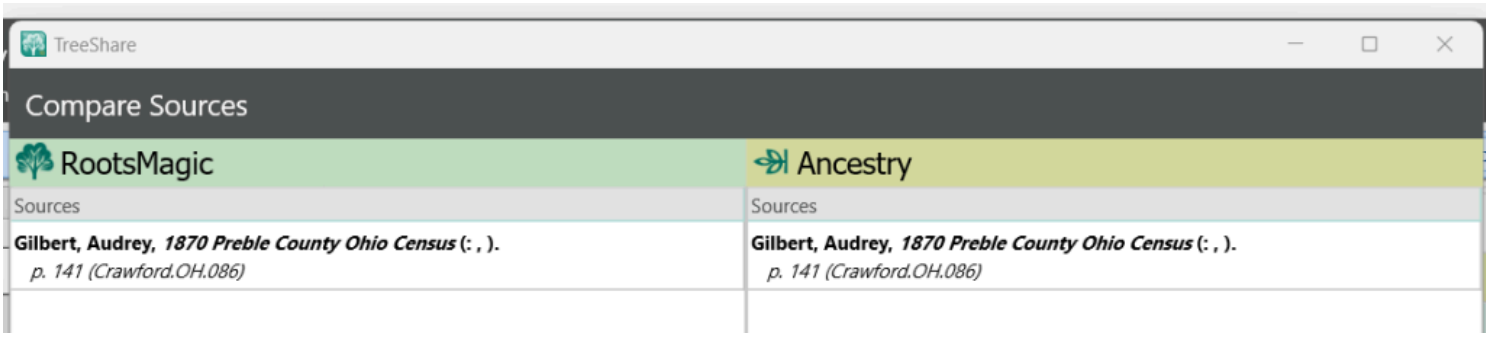
The Issues

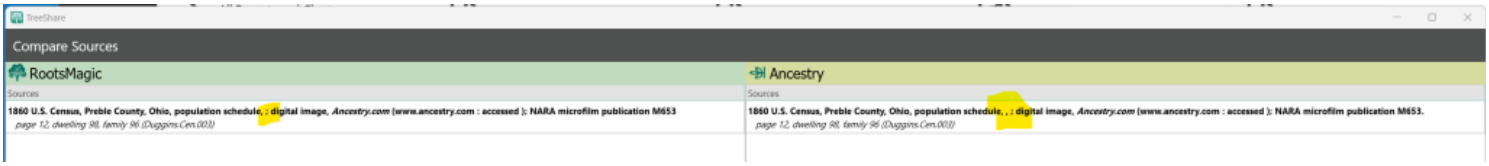
Incorrect Change Detection: TreeShare often flags many people in my tree as "changed" when, in fact, they're the same. With a large tree, this becomes time-consuming as I have to manually mark people as unchanged.



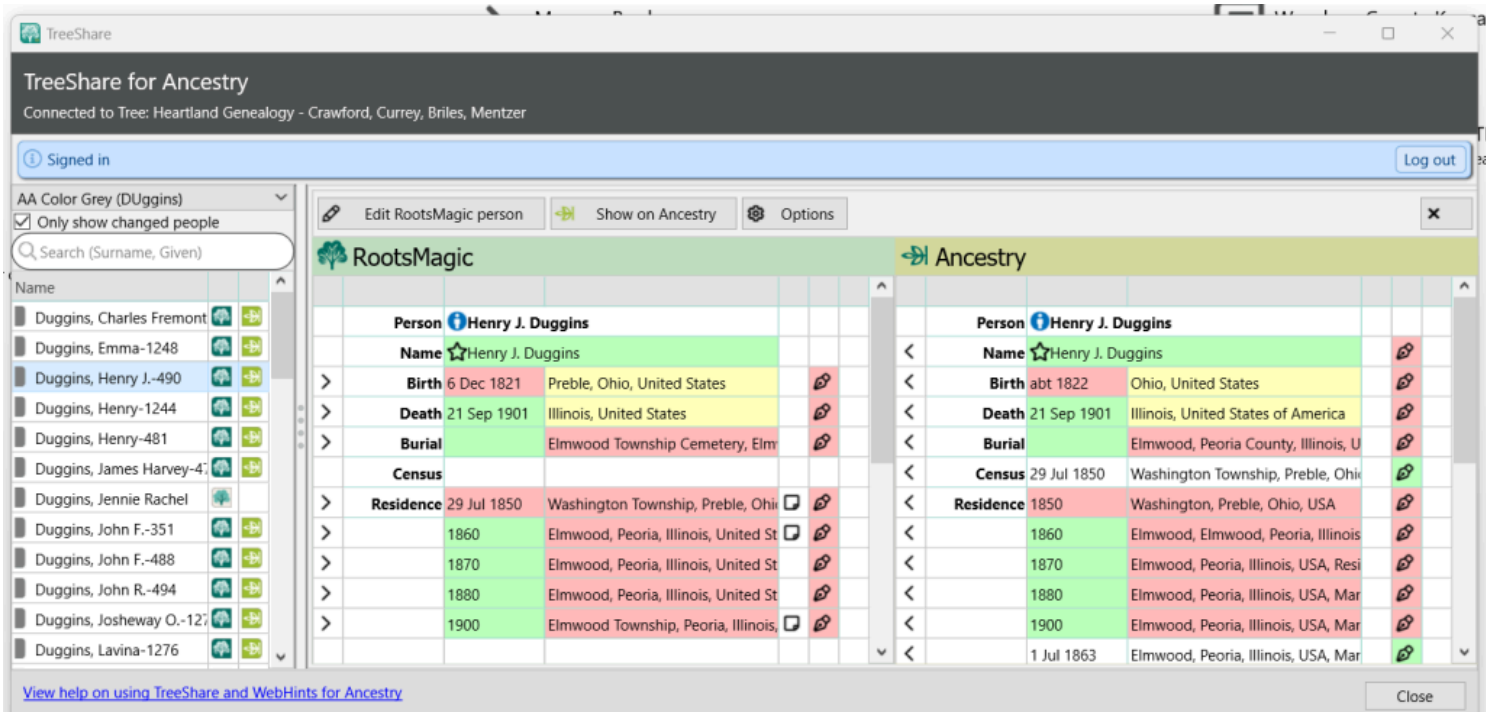
Source Conflicts: Individuals frequently appear on the TreeShare list as having changes when the only difference is in the event sources, which often turns out to be trivial or non-existent.







Slow Processes: While updating my Duggins research, I encountered serious lag time with TreeShare. For example, converting an old CENSUS event to a RESIDENCE event in RootsMagic is quick, but TreeShare required over 2 minutes just to delete a single census fact.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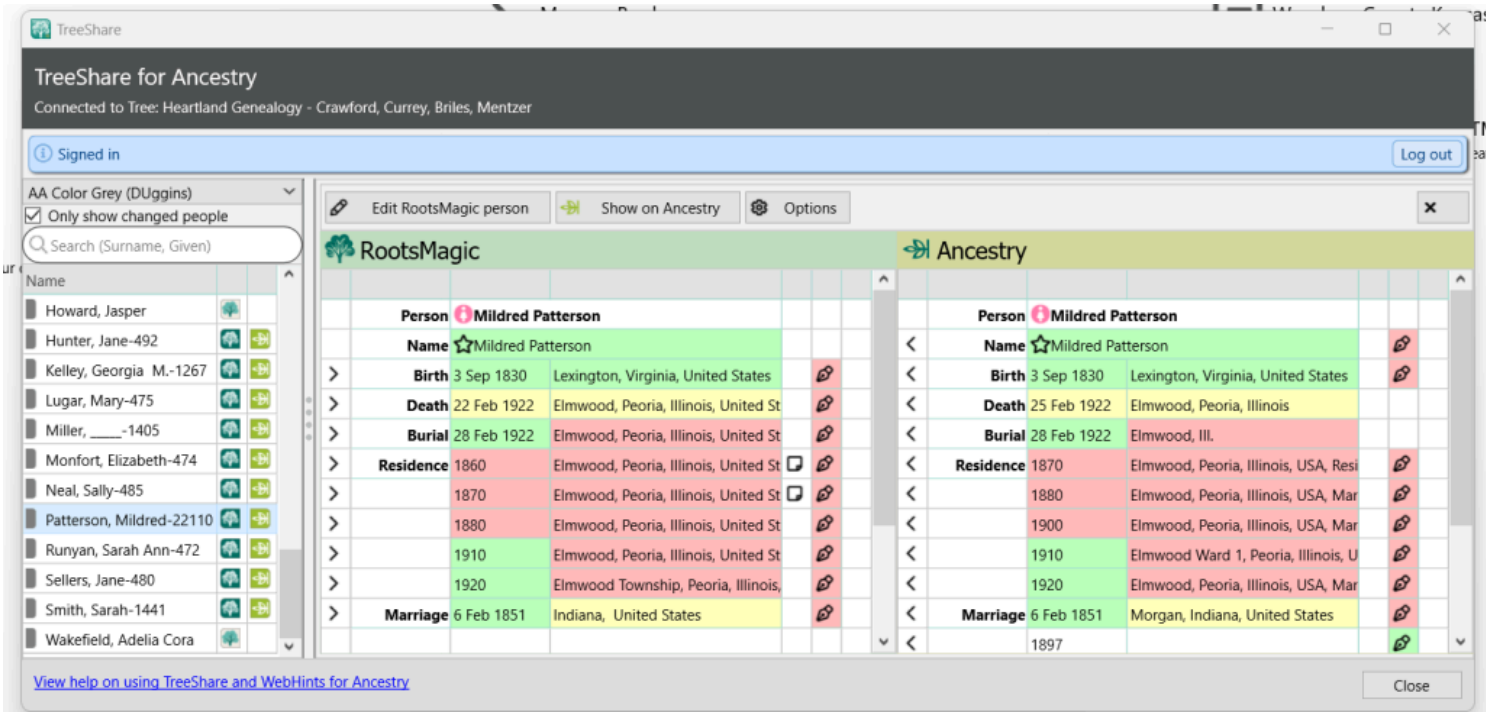
Similarly, correcting dates can take over a minute.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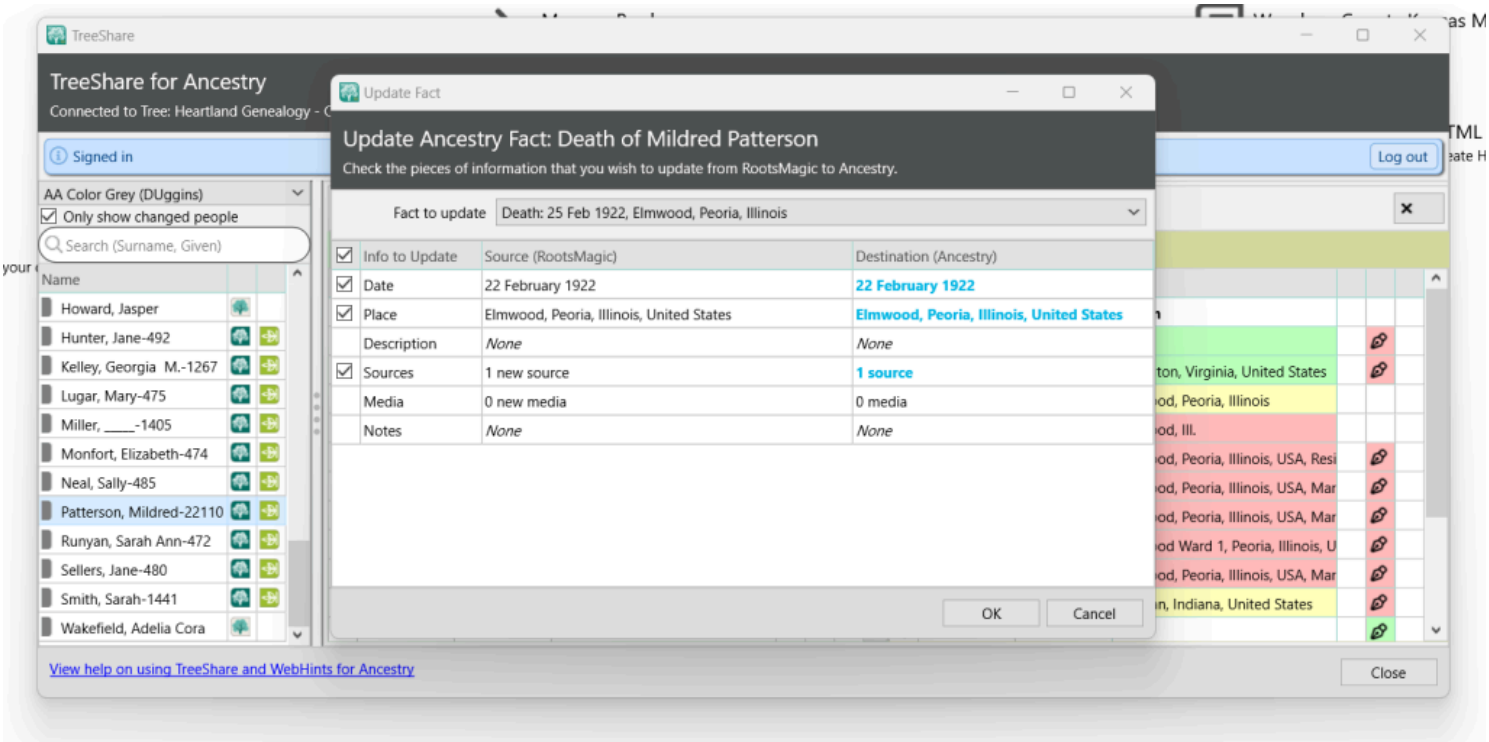
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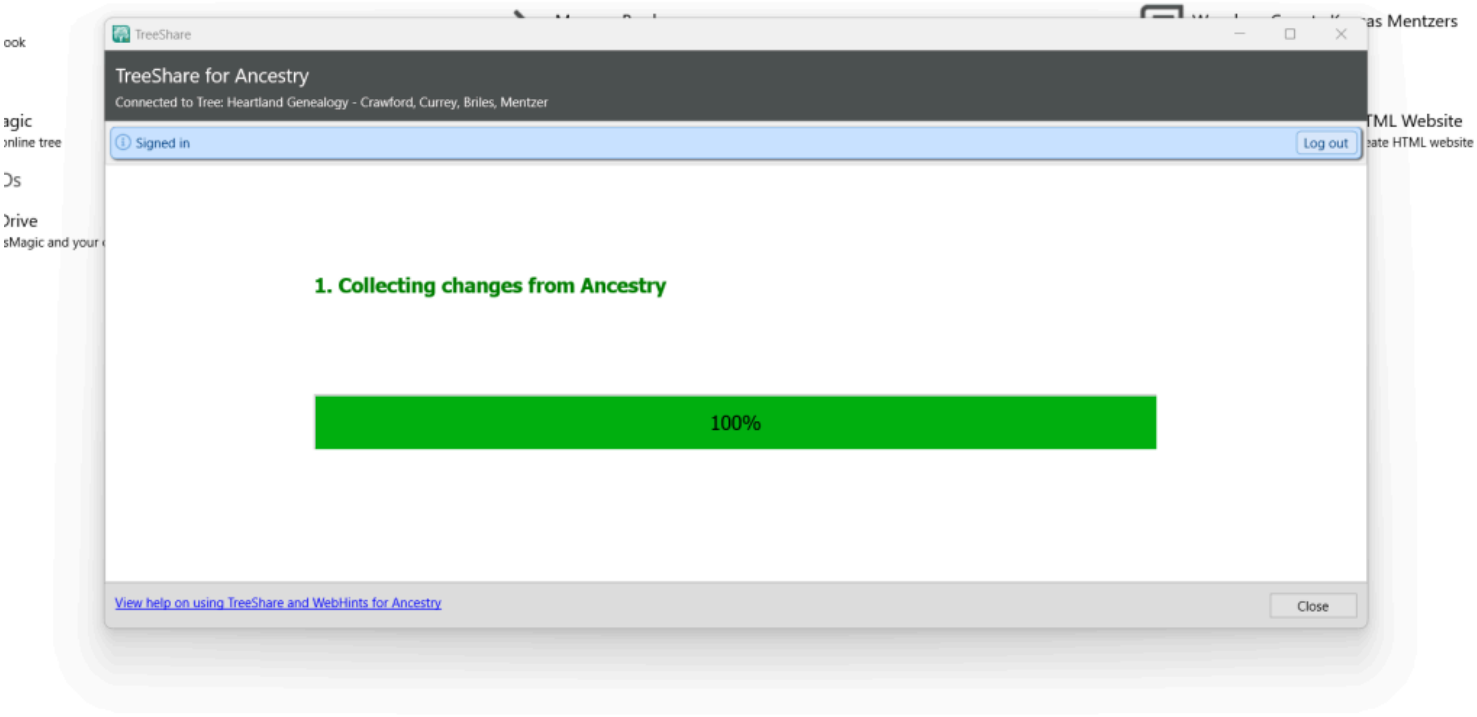
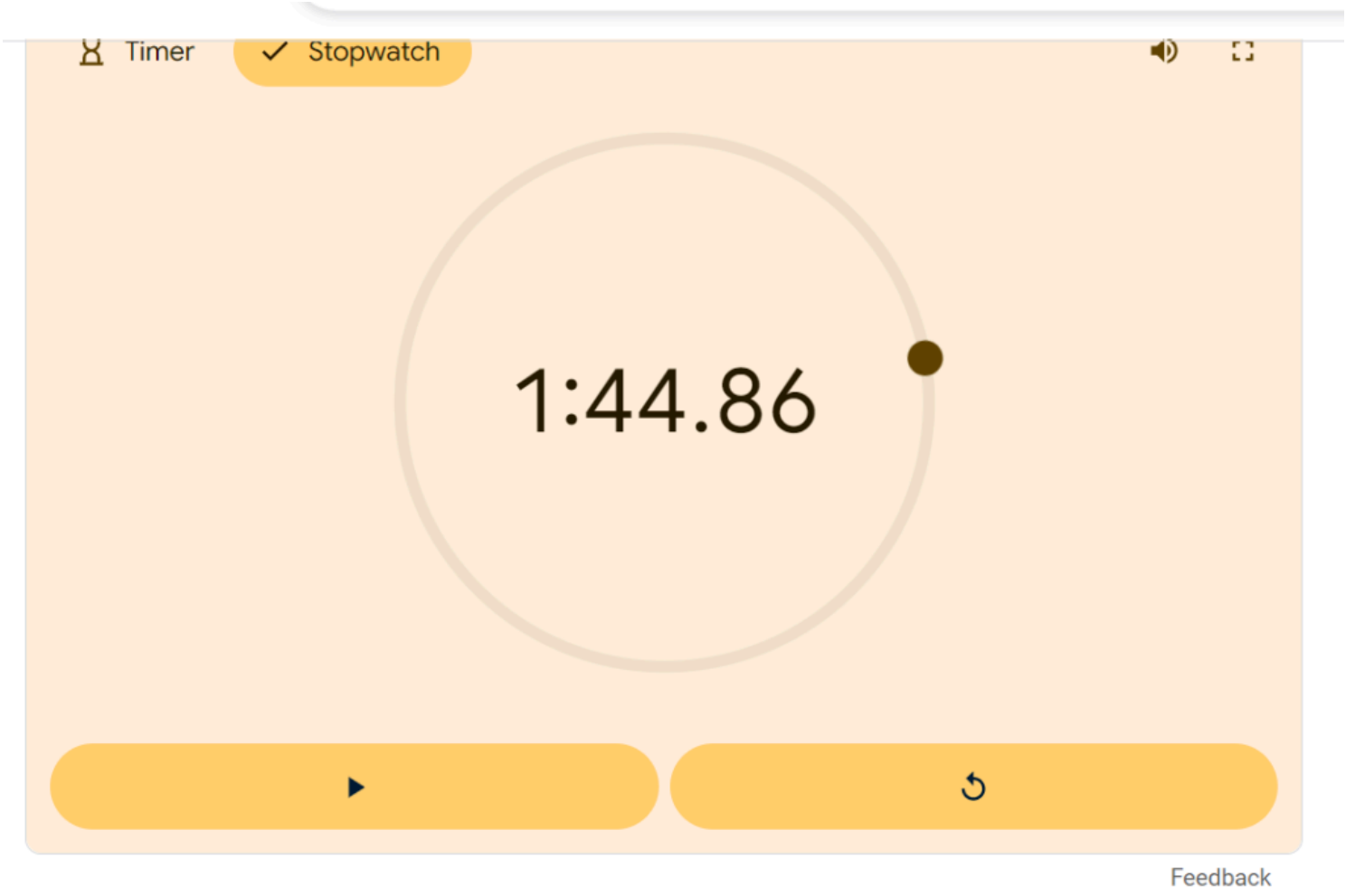
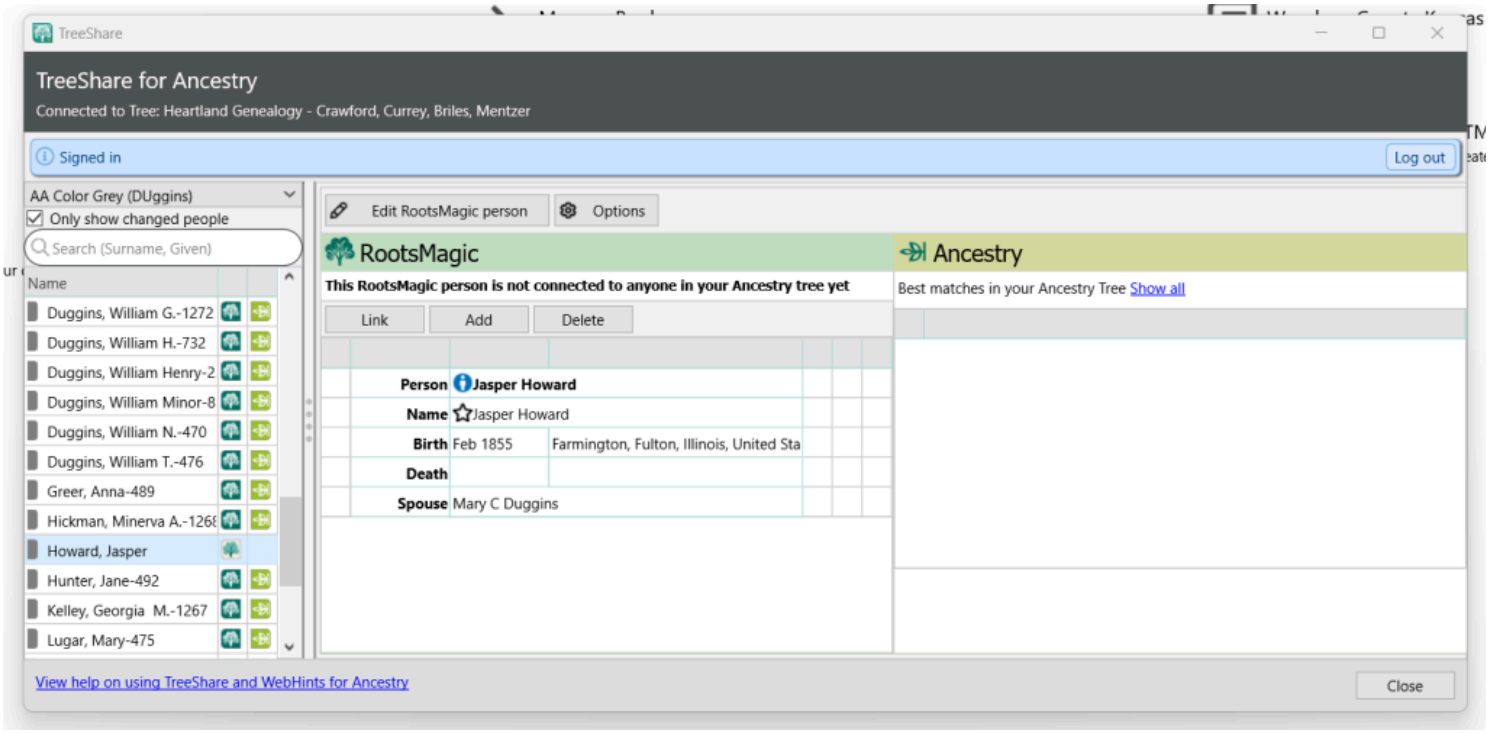
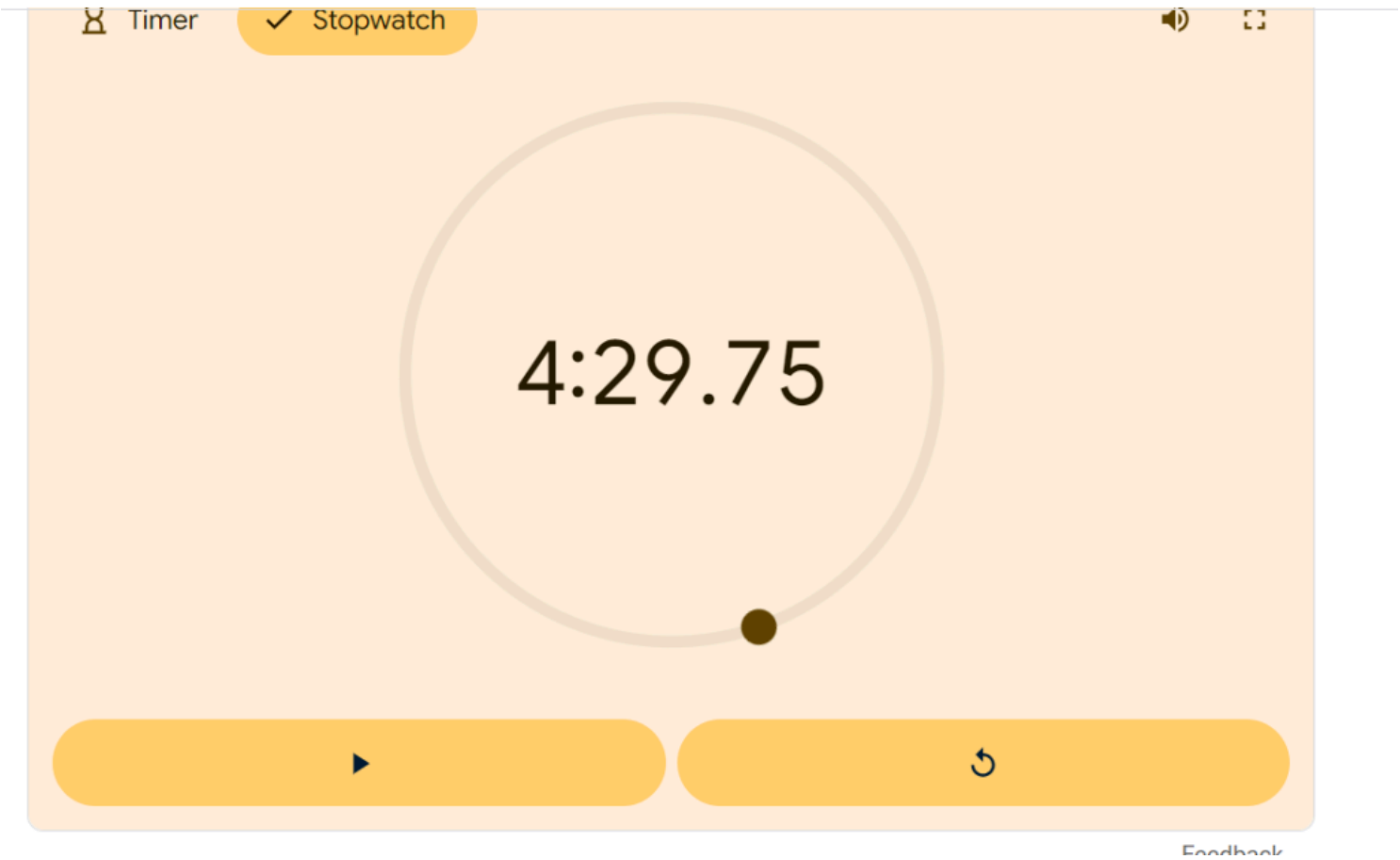




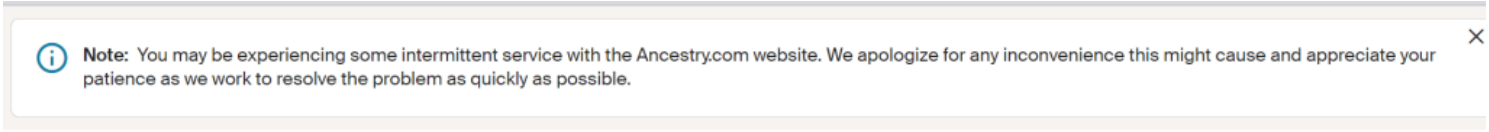
Time-consuming Uploads: Recently, I timed the upload of a single individual, Jasper Howard, to my Ancestry tree, and it took over 4 minutes, even getting stuck at 22% for a while.





What's Next?

Given these frustrations, I suspect the problem lies with Ancestry's handling of TreeShare. This was confirmed when I received the typical Ancestry error message while accessing my tree.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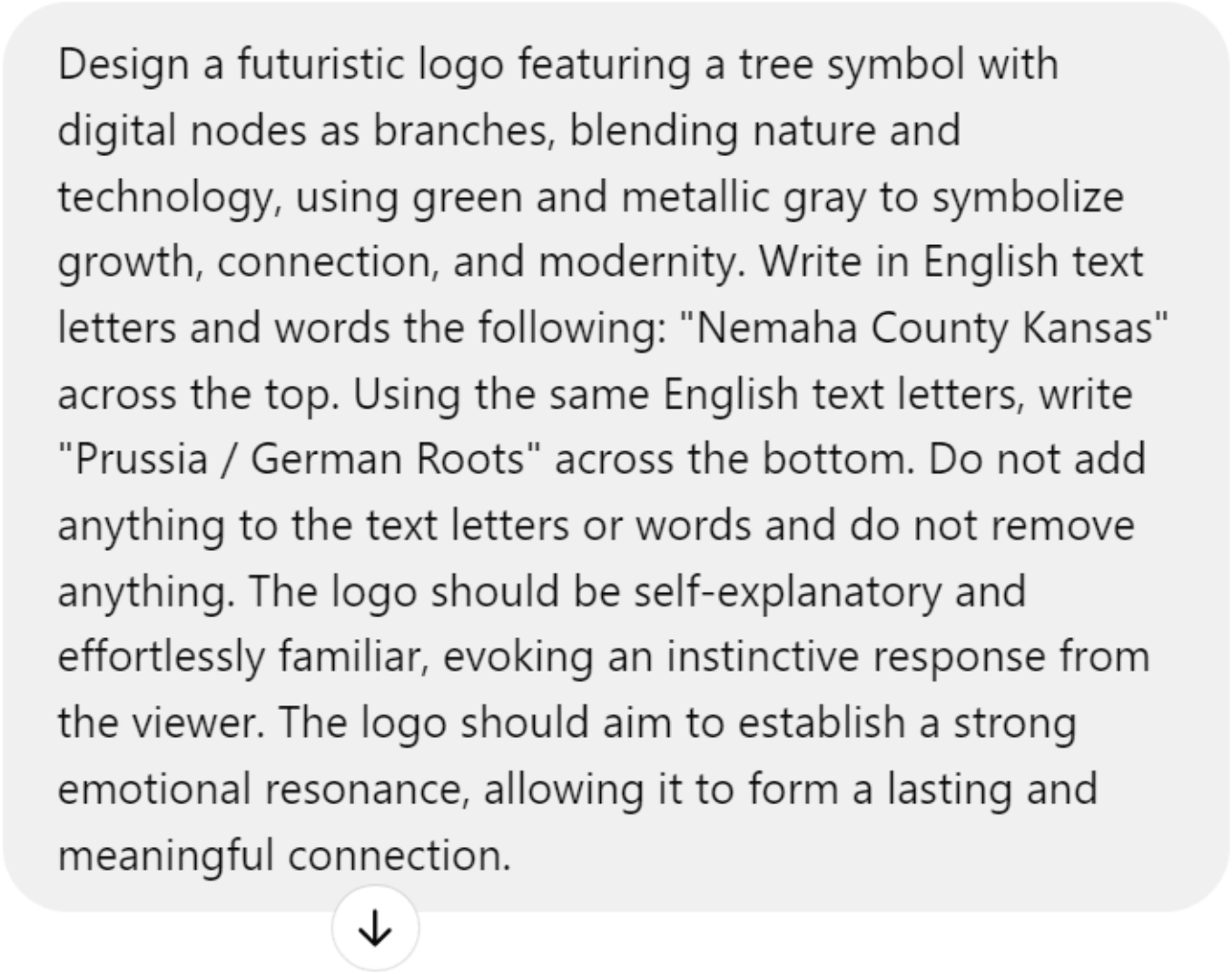
Moving forward, I've decided to stop using TreeShare for now. Instead, I'll continue managing my primary tree in RootsMagic, adding individuals, sources, and images there. I'll manually update my Ancestry tree when necessary, especially when new descendants are added as part of my DNA research. I'll update sources on Ancestry as I accept hints during research.

AI and Logo Creation

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 26, 2024
Artificial Intelligence

Have you ever used Artificial Intelligence (AI) to create a logo? Recently, C. McCulloch shared her experience with logo creation using AI in the *Genealogy and Artificial Intelligence* group on Facebook. Inspired by her post, I decided to experiment with ChatGPT to design a logo for an upcoming event at the Nemaha County Historical Society.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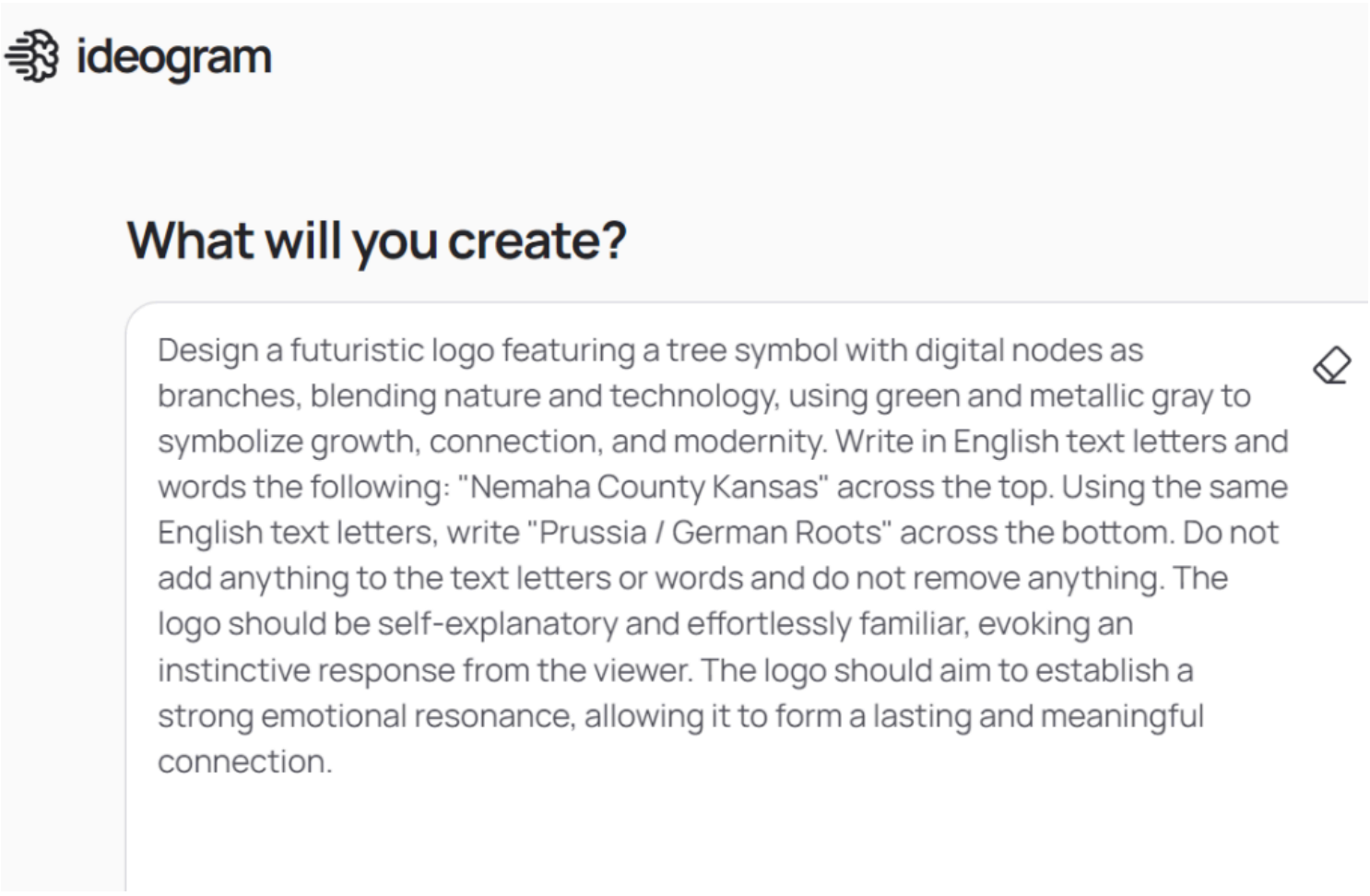
While I was pleased with the initial results, I found the small text (13-30) above the lines less than ideal. To explore other options, I turned to ideogram.ai.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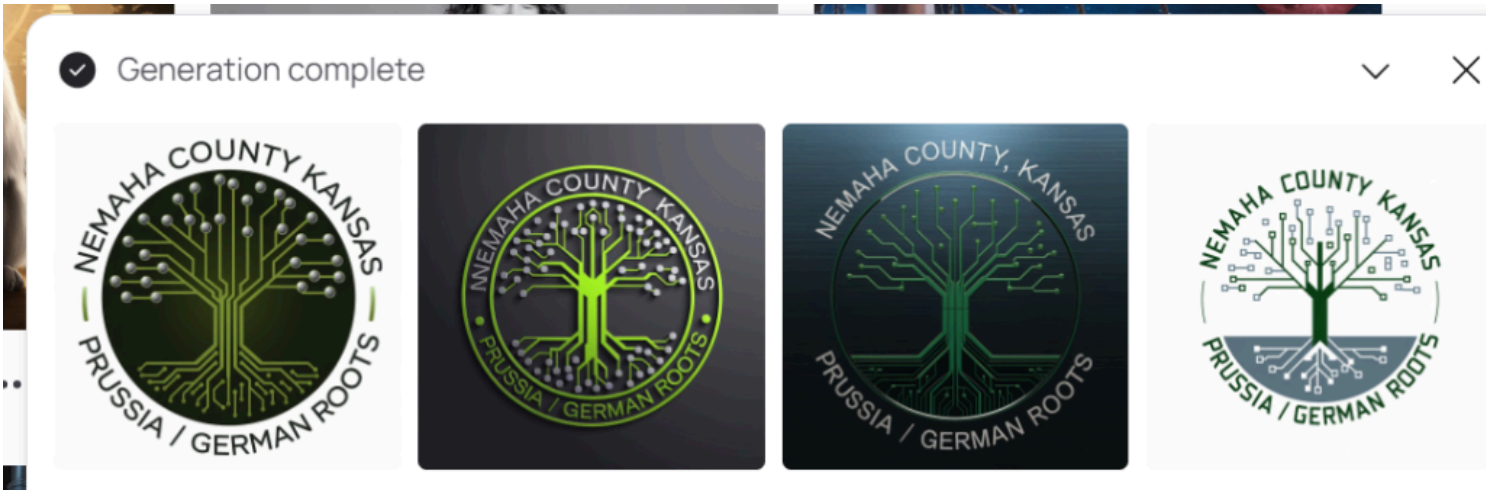

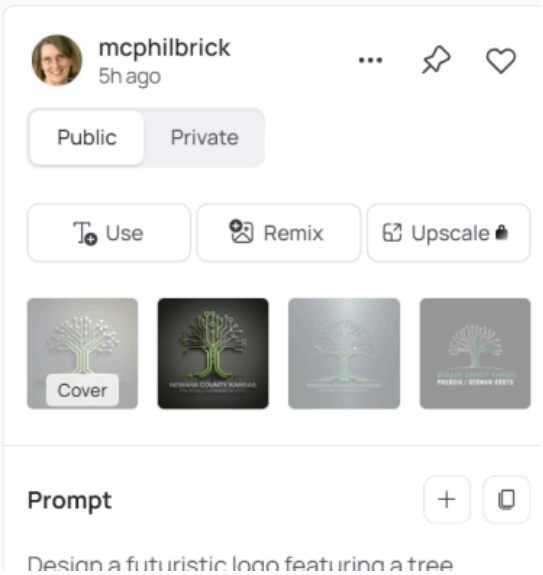

My revised prompt was:

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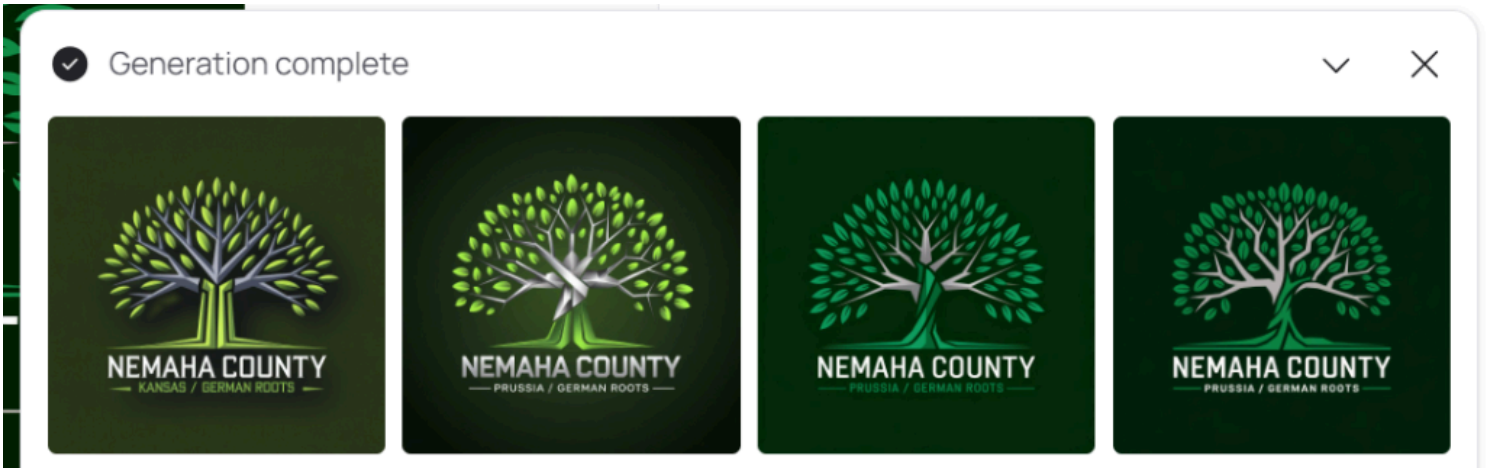
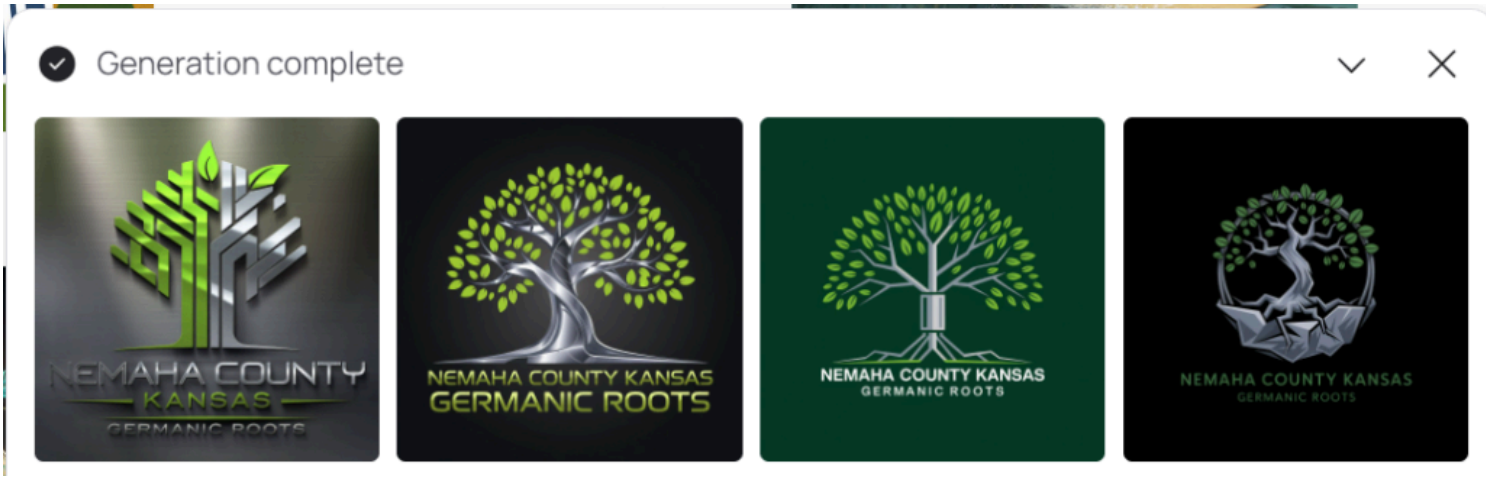


After receiving additional credits and conducting further research on Germany’s timeline and geography, I revised my prompt and made another attempt.

> Design a futuristic logo featuring a tree symbol blending nature, genealogy, history and technology, using green and metallic gray to symbolize growth, connection, and modernity. Write in English text letters and words the following: “Nemaha County Kansas” along the bottom. Using the same English text letters, write “Germanic Roots” below that is in a slightly smaller font. Do not add anything to the text letters or words and do not remove anything. The logo should be self-explanatory and effortlessly familiar, evoking an instinctive response from the viewer. The logo should aim to establish a strong emotional resonance, allowing it to form a lasting and meaningful connection.

Displayed below are the results from this prompt using Ideogram.ai.



I’m likely to use the second design in our promotional materials for the Oktoberfest open house. Thank you, Ideogram, for assisting in the creation of the logo.

Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 27, 2024
Duggins,FamilySearch,Preble County

IGI

While updating sources for Benjamin Duggins, I came across some old notes from the IGI (International Genealogical Index). Do you remember using the IGI in your research?

OHI - Ohio

Duggins - Dugan Preble Co.

Duggins b 31 Dec 1867 Preble Co OH
Washington Duggins / Mary
source C512962 Batch 229

Duggins, Benjamin A md Jane Hunter
12 Mar 1843 Preble Co OH
source M 512961 batch 1821

Duggins Caroline G md Burton Dooley
5 Oct 1843 Preble
source M 512961 batch 1754

Duggins Cornelius V md Elizabeth Monfort
5 June 1834
source M 512961 batch 1822

Duggins, Estus Eugene b 6 Dec 1874 Preble
William Duggins / Minerva
source C 512962 batch 3865

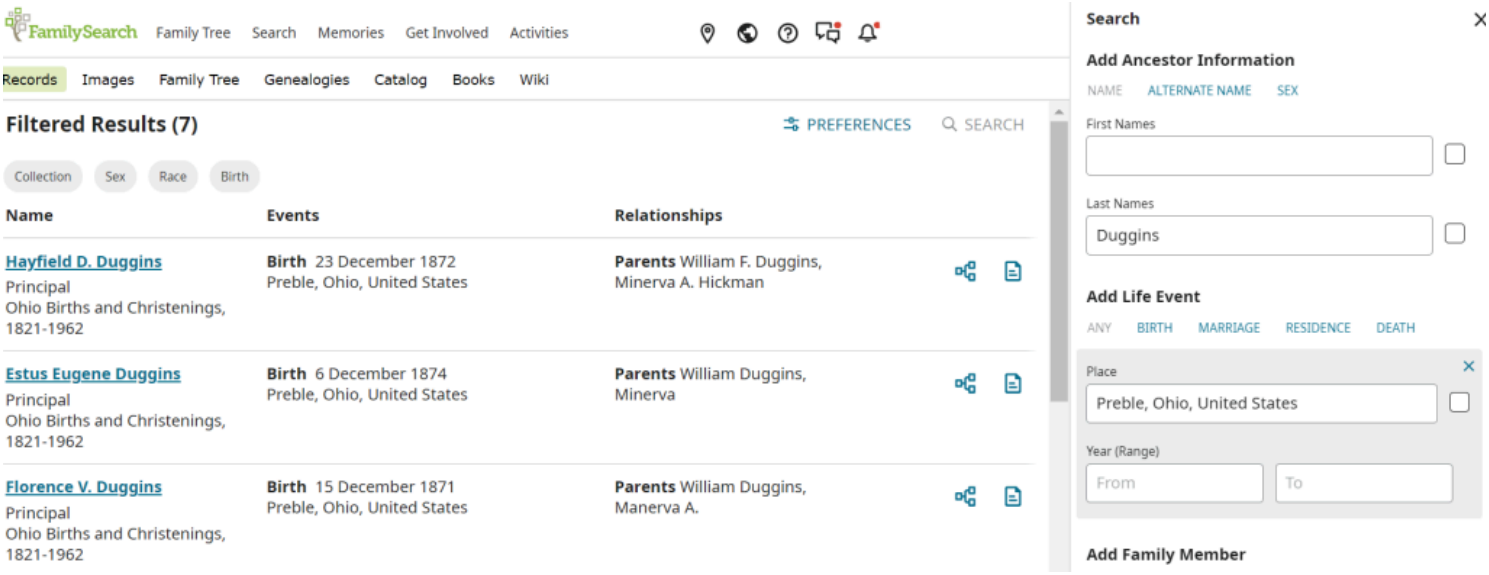
Duggins Florence V b 15 Dec 1871 Preble
William Duggins / Minerva
source C 512962 Batch 2558

Duggins, Hayfield D b 23 Dec 1872 Preble
William F. Duggins / Minerva A. Hickman
Source C 512962 Batch 2870

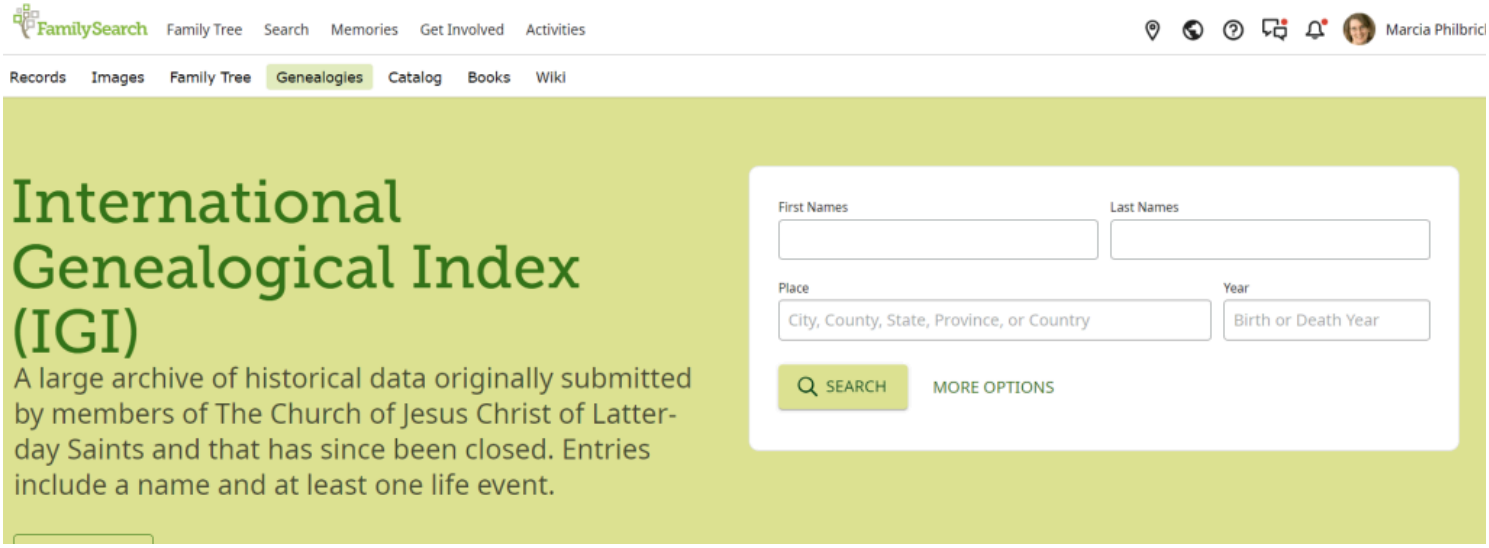
Hoping to update these notes with a digital version of the IGI, I searched online and found that FamilySearch offers a way to search the IGI directly.

FamilySearch
Family Tree
Search
Memories
Get Involved
Activities
Marcia Phill
Records
Images
Family Tree
Genealogies
Catalog
Books
Wiki
International Genealogical Index (IGI)
The indexed International Genealogical Index collection searches all historical record collections containing indexed records taken from the original International Genealogical Index (IGI). Names in the original IGI came from 2 different sources: indexed records and user contributions. FamilySearch split the IGI into several historical record collections plus the Contributed International Genealogical Index. Search all relevant historical record collections here. Search user contributions in the Contributed International Genealogical Index collection in Genealogies.
First Names
Last Names
Place
City, County, State, Province, or Country
Year
Birth or Death Year
SEARCH
MORE OPTIONS

I searched for Duggins in Preble County, Ohio, and while I found some familiar names, I didn't locate the marriage record for Benjamin A. Duggins and Jane Hunter.



Curious about the missing record, I explored further by looking up the IGI Wiki, which includes a section on "Known Issues." This helped me understand that the IGI has been divided into two parts: historical records and contributed records. However, I couldn't immediately find the tab for contributed records. Returning to the search screen, I noticed an explanation indicating I had been searching historical records, and there was a link to search the contributed records separately.



Once I switched to searching the contributed IGI, I found several references to Benjamin Duggins' marriage to Jane Hunter.

Although I didn't find a specific record of their marriage, I gained a better understanding of how to navigate the updated version of the IGI.

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 28, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II

To Classify Men Faster
Board Sending 50 Blanks A Day

The Nemaha County draft board is stepping up the classification of registrants. Formerly, 25 questionnaires were sent each day. The board decided last week to send 50 each day to get classification out of the way as soon as possible.
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No man, having filled out his questionnaire, should pay a notary fee for witnessing it. The local advisers and the postmaster in each town are qualified to acknowledge the signature.
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Courier Tribune, 12 May 1941, page 1

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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 29, 2024
Artificial Intelligence,Briles,Emporia

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Choose an ancestor who experienced or did something unique or memorable (such as an event, family life, trip, etc.).

What comes to mind when you hear the word 'protester'? For me, I often think of someone in a large crowd, marching in solidarity for or against a cause. My grandfather didn't march in the streets, but make no mistake—he was a protester.

I've shared his story across several blog posts, each capturing different aspects of his unique protest.

- Filling in the Dash
- The Dash
- E. O. Briles
- Protestor in the Family

For this post, I've gathered information from those previous entries and fed it into ChatGPT, using the following prompt:

> The attached document contains portions of various blog posts about Edward O. Briles' protests of blue laws, including his being arrested and spending time in jail. A line divides each post. Just below the line is the name of the post and the URL for that post. Using this information, compile a narrative about this unique experience.

Below is my grandfather's protest story as compiled by ChatGPT:

> Edward Osmund Briles, a movie theater owner and a staunch advocate for personal freedoms, found himself at the center of a legal battle in 1933. Briles, the proprietor of the Lyric Theater in Emporia, Kansas, took a stand against the city's "blue laws," which prohibited the showing of films and the operation of businesses on Sundays. Determined to challenge these restrictive ordinances, Briles began a protest that would land him in jail numerous times.
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> In the fall of 1933, Briles made the bold decision to open his theater on Sundays, fully aware of the consequences. Every Sunday, Briles would show movies at his theater, knowing that the police would arrest him. The cycle became predictable: Briles would be arrested, appear in court, post bond, and then do it all again the next Sunday. On his first Sunday of protest, as reported by the *Emporia Gazette* on September 11, 1933, Briles was arrested twice in one day—once after an afternoon show and again after an evening show. In total, he posted $300 in bond and awaited his court appearance.
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> The legal proceedings escalated quickly. On September 20, 1933, Briles was found guilty of violating the Sunday labor law, which forbade business activities on the Sabbath. Undeterred, he appealed the case to the district court, posting a $450 bond. Meanwhile, Briles continued to operate his theater on Sundays, racking up 12 arrests by late October 1933. The police, worried that allowing him to continue without arrest might weaken their case in district court, maintained their routine of arresting him every time he violated the law.
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> Despite these ongoing legal challenges, Briles did not face a significant decline in his theater's business. In fact, his Lyric Theater moved to a new location in early 1934, boasting a seating capacity of 400 people. The theater even hosted special showings, such as two free shows for the unemployed on Thanksgiving morning in 1935, which further endeared Briles to the local community.
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> Briles' protest culminated in a district court ruling in November 1933, where a jury found him guilty of violating city ordinances that prohibited both Sunday movie showings and the requirement of employees to work on Sundays. This legal defeat did not deter Briles, as he continued his involvement in the theater business. In

1936, he expanded his holdings, purchasing a third theater in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, which was managed by his niece.

Briles' defiance of the blue laws was more than just a business decision; it was a personal protest against what he viewed as an infringement on individual liberties. His arrests became a symbol of resistance against outdated laws that clashed with modern societal norms. His actions not only left a lasting impact on his local community but also serve as a reminder of the importance of standing up for one's beliefs, even in the face of repeated legal consequences.

Briles' experience highlights the unpredictable value of local newspapers and personal records in genealogy. Through clippings saved by his family and articles from local papers, a fuller picture of Briles' life and convictions emerged, illustrating how his persistence made a mark on his community and beyond

miles in every direction.

Emporia Theater Man Arrested 12 Times for Running Sunday Shows

E. O. Briles, owner of the Lyric theater, and the police apparently are engaged in an endurance contest. Briles was arrested for the eleventh and twelfth times Sunday on a charge of operating his theater in violation of the Sunday labor ordinance. Briles put up bonds of $200 on each complaint for his appearance in police court Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

It was suggested today by Chief of police Roy Clay that the city feared if it stopped arresting Briles, its case against him in district court might appear to be weakened. Chief Clay also thought that Mr. Briles feared he would weaken his case, if he discontinued his Sunday shows. Therefore the weekly arrests continue.

Mr. Briles has appealed to the district court all previous convictions in police court.

Henry Duggins to Benjamin Duggins Deed

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
September 30, 2024
Uncategorized

Preble County Ohio
Deeds 1855-1858, 1857
Vol. 46, page 410 (image 545 of 633)

Henry J. Duggins and Mildred Duggins To Benjamin A. Duggins Presented & Recorded
September 3d 1857 . Know all men by these presents , that Henry J. Duggins and
Mildred Duggins of the County of Preble and State of Ohio in consideration of Three
Thousand three Hundred and Eighty Dollars to them paid by Benjamin A. Duggins
of the County of Preble and State of Ohio , the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged
do hereby grant bargain , sell and convey to the said Benjamin A. Duggins his heirs
and assigns forever , the following described Real Estate , situate lying and being
in the County of Preble and State of Ohio , and being the South part of the North East
quarter , and the North part of the South East quarter of section seventeen (17)
Township seven (7) of Range two (2) East , & c. and bounded and described as follows to wit :
Beginning at a corner on the west line of said South East quarter at a + on a boulder .
witness a W on a boulder , N. 54 degrees E. 63 ½ links and a w on a boulder . S. 61 degrees E. 62 1/3 links
said corner being 49 . 48 , poles South of the N. W . corner of said quarter , thence 4 degrees West
one hundred and four and forty two hundredths poles to a corner thence N. 86 degrees East
one hundred and twenty nine and forty hundredths poles to the East line of said
North East quarter , thence South 4 degrees E. one hundred and four and sixty two hundredts
poles to a corner a + on a boulder , witness a W on a boulder , S. 8 1/2 degrees W. 44 3/4 links a W on a
boulder N 1/2 degree N 38 3/4 links , thence S. 86 degrees West one hundred and twenty nine and Eighty
hundredths poles to the place of beginning , containing Eighty four and Sixty Six
hundredths acres be the same more or less , and all the estate , title and interest
of the said Henry J. Duggins and Mildred Duggins either in Law or in Equity
of in and to the said premises together with all the privileges and appurtenances to
the same belonging , To Have and To Hold the same to the only proper use of the said
Benjamin A. Duggins his heirs and assigns forever And the said Henry I
Duggins and Mildred Duggins for themselves their heirs , executors , & administrator
hereby Covenant with the said Benjamin A. Duggins his heirs and assigns , that
they are the true and lawful owners of the said premises and have full power to convey
the same and further , that the title so conveyed is clear free , and unincumbered
and further , that they will Warrant and Defend the same against all claim or claims
of all persons whatsoever , In Witness Whereof the said Henry J. Duggins and Mildred
Duggins his wife who hereby releases her right and expectancy of dower in the said premises
have hereunto set their hands and seals on this 11th day of June in the year of our Lord ,
one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven ,
Henry I Duggins (Seal)
Mildred Duggins (seal)

Signed , Sealed , Acknowledged , and
Delivered in presence of us
John V. Campbell
James Ireland
The State of Ohio . Preble County ,SS
Be it Remembered , that on the eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord ,

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one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven before me the subscriber Judge of the Probate Court , in
and for said County , personally came Henry J. Duggins and Mildred Briggins the Center in the
above Deed and acknowledged the signing and sealing thereof to be their voluntary act and deed
for the uses and purposes therein mentioned , And the said Mildred Duggins wife of the
said Henry S. Duggins , being examined by me separate and apart from her said husband
and the contents of said Deed being by me made known and explained to her as the Statute
directs , declared that she did voluntarily sign , seal and acknowledge the same and
that she is still satisfied therewith , as her act and deed for the uses and purposes therein

mentioned . In Testimony Whereof , I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal , official the day and year aforesaid .
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(Seal)

John A. Campbell
Probate Judge

Death Non Battle

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 1, 2024
Korean War

Marrion Lee Owens

Marrion Lee Owens, known as Lee, was born on August 8, 1931, in Centralia, Kansas. A bright and promising young man, Lee was deeply rooted in his community and church, and he displayed a commitment to service from an early age. He graduated from Centralia High School in 1949, where he actively participated in the band as a cornetist and was involved in various church activities. After high school, Lee pursued higher education at Kansas State College in Manhattan, where he studied engineering and architecture. He would have been entering his junior year and was enrolled in the ROTC training program, reflecting his aspirations for a military career.

In the summer of 1951, Lee joined the United States Marine Corps, preparing for further training at Camp Pendleton, California. His dedication to his country and community was evident in his pursuit of military service, which would have led to his commission as an officer upon completing his education.

Tragically, Lee's life was cut short at the age of 19. On July 22, 1951, while on his first weekend leave from Camp Pendleton, he visited family in Oceanside, California. While swimming at the beach, he was caught in a dangerous undertow and drowned. Despite being a strong swimmer, the swift currents and the deep hole near the shore claimed his life.

The news of Lee's untimely death deeply affected his family and community. His body was eventually recovered, and plans were made for his burial in Centralia. On August 6, 1951, the community gathered to honor Lee's life and service at a funeral held in the Centralia Congregational Church. The ceremony was marked by heartfelt tributes from Rev. Glenn L. Argo and a touching letter from Lee's chaplain at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. The chaplain's letter expressed admiration for Lee's leadership qualities and the profound impact his life had, despite its brevity.

Lee's final resting place is in the Centralia Cemetery, where he was laid to rest with full military honors. A Marine honor guard, a color guard from the local American Legion, and his friends served as pallbearers. His legacy lives on in the memories of his family, friends, and community, as well as in the acknowledgment of his sacrifice in the service of his country.

Though his life was brief, Marrion Lee Owens' dedication to his community, faith, and nation left a lasting impact on those who knew him, and he is remembered as a young man full of potential and promise.

The above narrative was composed by ChatGPT using information from the following sources:

Find a Grave – Marrion Lee "Lee" Owens Jr.

- Birth: August 8, 1931
- Death: July 22, 1951
- Burial: Centralia Cemetery, Centralia, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA

The San Bernardino County Sun (San Bernardino, California) – July 23, 1951

- Article titled "Reservist Drowns"
- Details of Marrion Lee Owens drowning at Oceanside, California.

The Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) – August 2, 1951

- Article titled "Plan Service At Centralia For Cpl. Lee Owens, U.S. Marines"
- Details of the recovery of Lee Owens' body and arrangements for his funeral.

The Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) – July 26, 1951

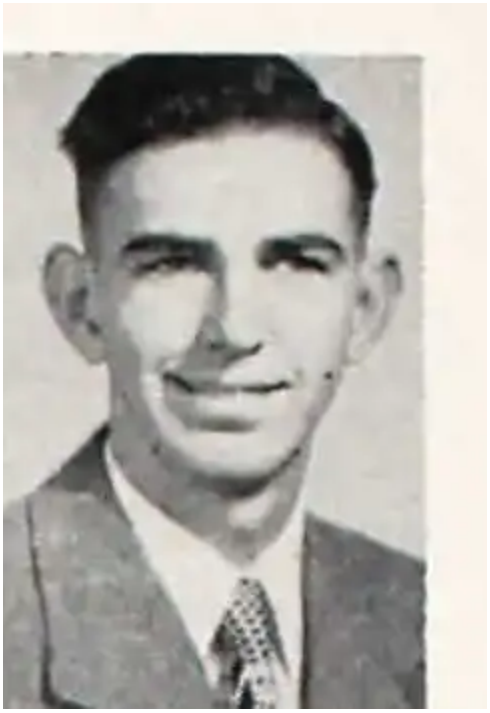
- Article titled "Undertow Is Fatal To Centralia Marine"
- Background on Marrion Lee Owens' life, education, military service, and the circumstances of his drowning.

The Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) – August 6, 1951

- Article titled "Honor Corporal Marrion Lee Owens"
- Details of the funeral service, tributes, and the involvement of the Marine Corps honor guard.

1951 Kansas State University Yearbook

- Listing Marrion L. Owens as a sophomore in engineering and architecture at Kansas State University.



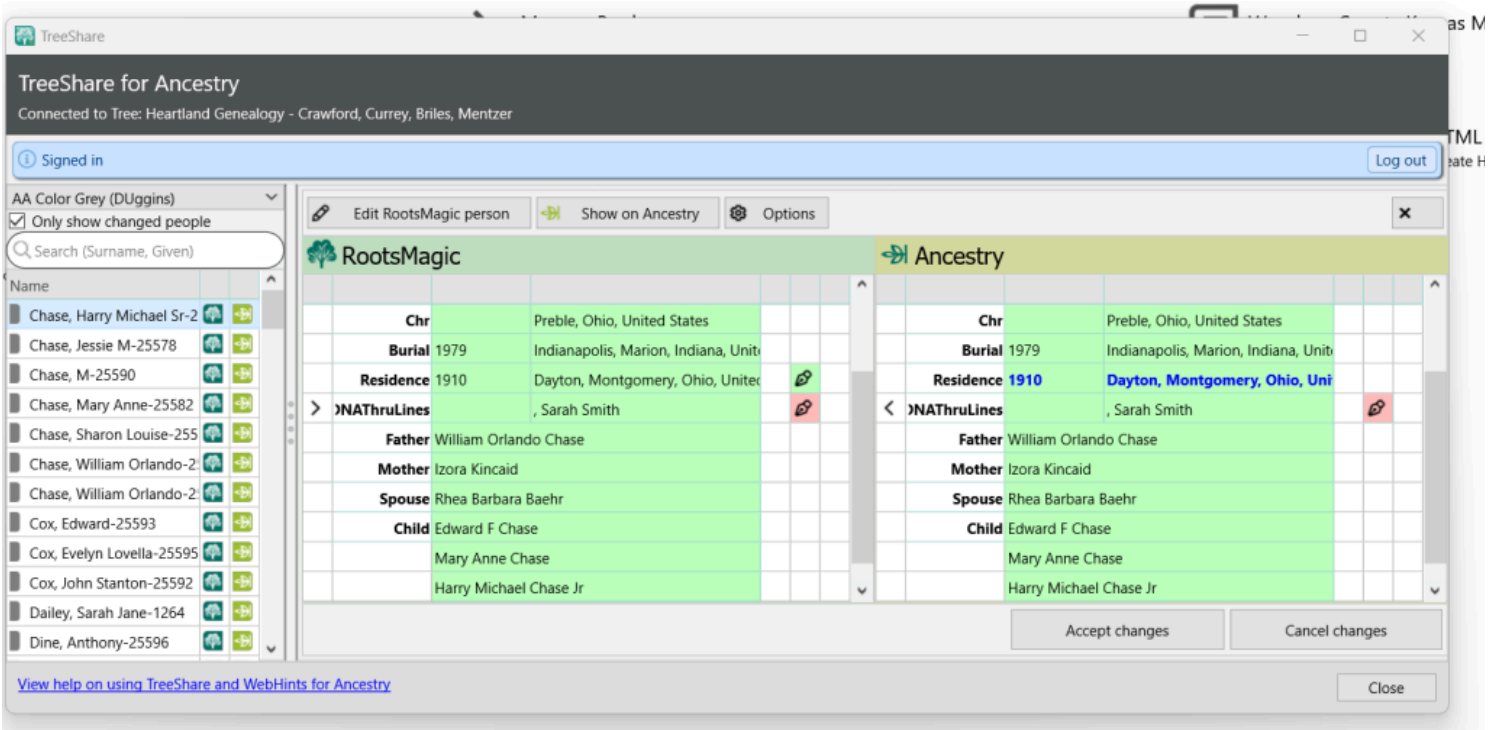
Treeshare Update

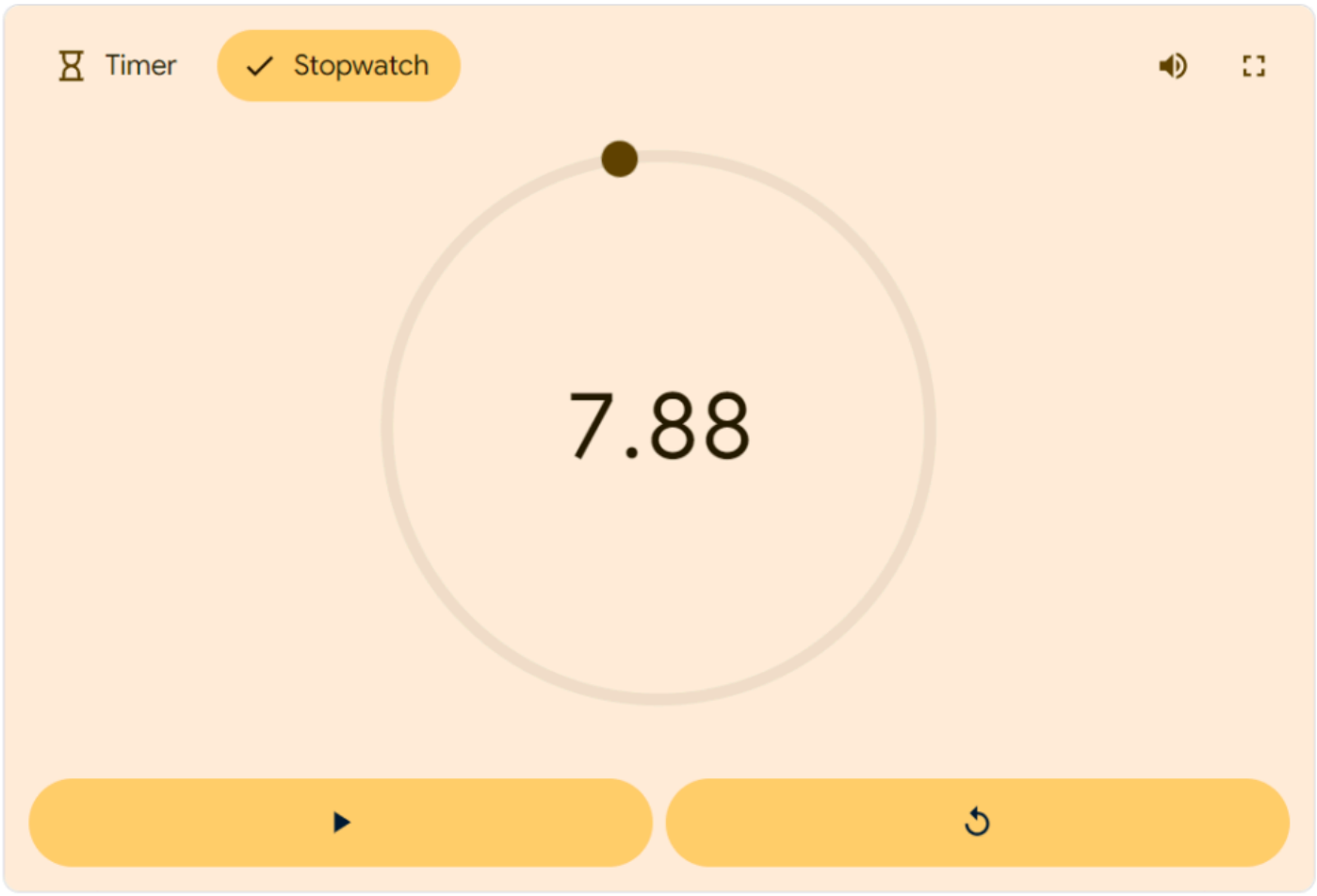
By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 2, 2024
RootsMagic10,TreeShare

Are you a RootsMagic user with a tree on Ancestry? If so, you'll be pleased to hear that RootsMagic's TreeShare feature is working again.

Not long ago, I posted about the issues I was experiencing with TreeShare. Several readers mentioned they had stopped using it altogether. Instead, they either rely on Ancestry to store their work or upload a new tree to Ancestry after making significant changes. Neither of those options worked well for me, so I decided to give TreeShare another try. Thankfully, I discovered that it's now functioning smoothly.

For example, transferring a 1910 residence fact from RootsMagic to Ancestry took only about 8 seconds!





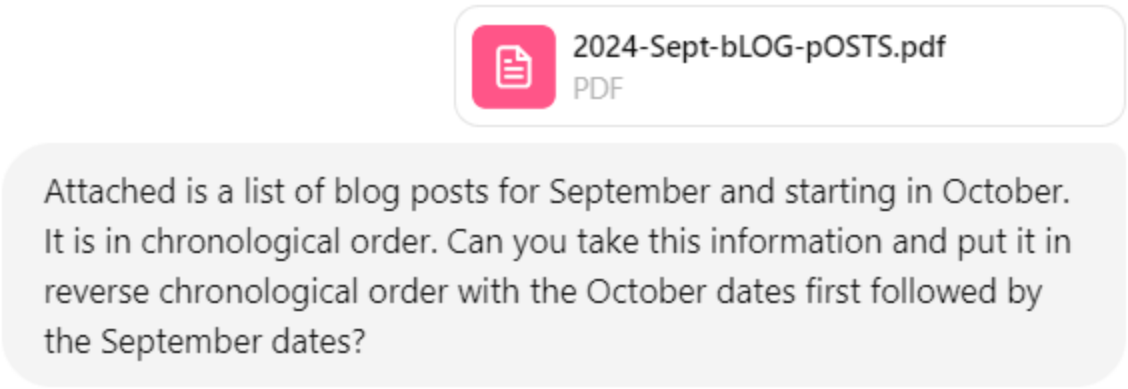
So, I'm back to my usual routine:

- Using RootsMagic as my primary tree file
- Adding sources from various platforms, including Ancestry, newspapers, and FamilySearch
- Updating my Ancestry tree with new people and events via TreeShare
- Leveraging RootsMagic's FamilySearch connection to download descendants of specific families, followed by detailed research to document their histories

Simplifying Tasks with AI

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 3, 2024
Artificial Intelligence

Have you ever wished that Artificial Intelligence (AI) could handle time-consuming edits in Word or Excel for you? I recently faced this when trying to reverse the order of a document that I use to schedule blog posts. Instead of manually reordering my September and October posts, I turned to ChatGPT for help—and it worked!


2024-Sept-bLOG-pOSTS.pdf
PDF
Attached is a list of blog posts for September and starting in October. It is in chronological order. Can you take this information and put it in reverse chronological order with the October dates first followed by the September dates?

Here is the list of blog posts rearranged in reverse chronological order, with October dates first followed by September dates:

October Blog Posts:

- Friday, Oct 4 – Friday Find – Mentzer Marriages (Henry Mentzer)
- Thursday, Oct 3
- Wednesday, Oct 2 – Benjamin Duggins
- Tuesday, Oct 1

September Blog Posts:

- Monday, Sept 30 – Duggins Land Issue
- Sunday, Sept 29
- Saturday, Sept 28 – Saturday Tidbits – Draft-12 May 1941
- Friday, Sept 27 – Friday Find Duggins / IGI
- Thursday, Sept 26 – Benjamin Duggins Sells Land
- Wednesday, Sept 25 – Henry Duggins to Benjamin Duggins Deed
- Tuesday, Sept 24 – Purple Heart – James H ter

Knowing that I try to put an index to my blog on a Wikitree space, I realized that I might be able to use ChatGPT to create the index for me instead of my typing from my bullet journal. Thus, I gave it the address of my blog and asked it to create an index for August.

Using the site heartlandgenealogy.org, can you create a list of blog posts for August 2024 in reverse chronological order?

Searched 3 sites

I found some blog posts for **August 2024** on the **Heartland Genealogy** site. Here's a list of the posts from that month in **reverse chronological order**:

1. **Saturday Tidbits** – August 31, 2024
2. **Friday Find** – August 30, 2024
3. **Leeds Method** – August 29, 2024
4. **Wandering** – August 28, 2024
5. **Purple Heart** – August 27, 2024
6. **William A. Duggins** – August 26, 2024(Heartland Genealogy)(Heartland Genealogy).

At first glance, I appears that ChatGPT just timed out in creating the list. However, my Wandering blog post was about a trip to the sunflower fields that I took in September. Thus, it could not have been posted in August.

Searched 2 sites

Here's the complete list of blog posts for August 2024 from **Heartland Genealogy**, arranged in reverse chronological order:

1. **Saturday Tidbits** – August 31, 2024
2. **Friday Find** – August 30, 2024
3. **Leeds Method** – August 29, 2024
4. **Wandering** – August 28, 2024

Realizing that ChatGPT struggled with my initial prompt, I thought about how I could improve my prompt to get better results. When I provided a link to the August index from my blog instead of a link to the front page of my blog, ChatGPT did a better job of creating my index.

Searched 1 site

Here is a list of blog posts for **August 2024** from Heartland Genealogy, arranged in reverse chronological order:

1. **Saturday Tidbits** – August 31, 2024
2. **Friday Find** – August 30, 2024
3. **Crawford Find** – August 29, 2024
4. **Citizenship Records** – August 28, 2024
5. **Purple Heart** – August 27, 2024
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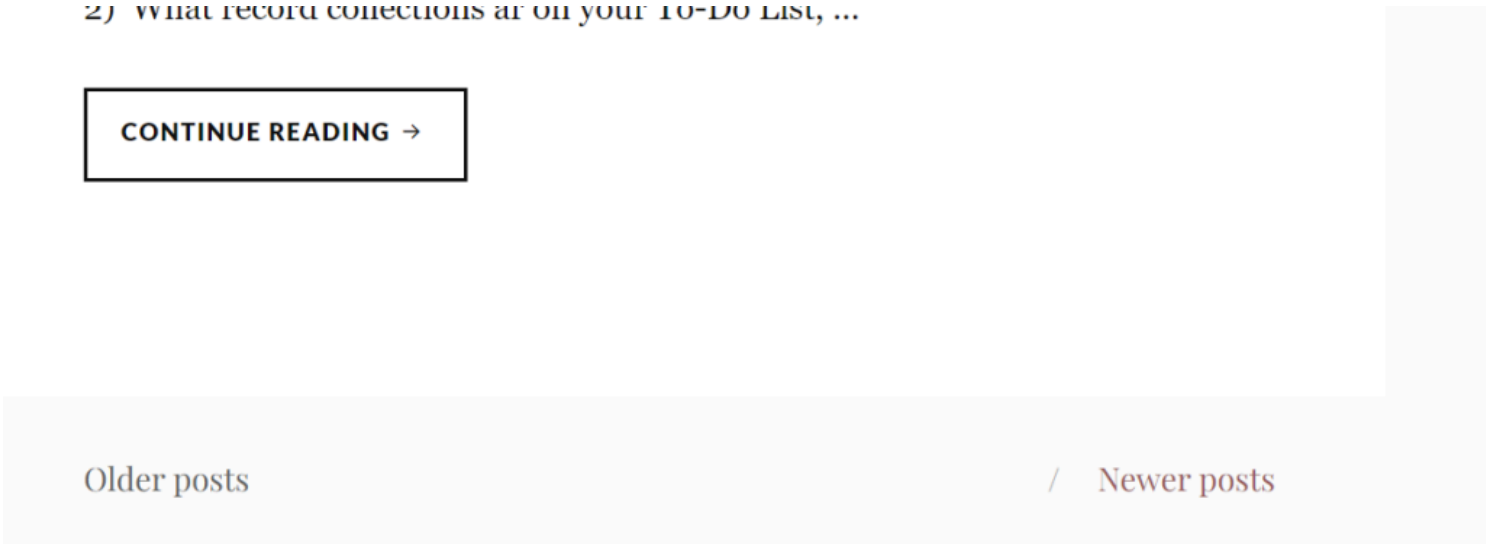
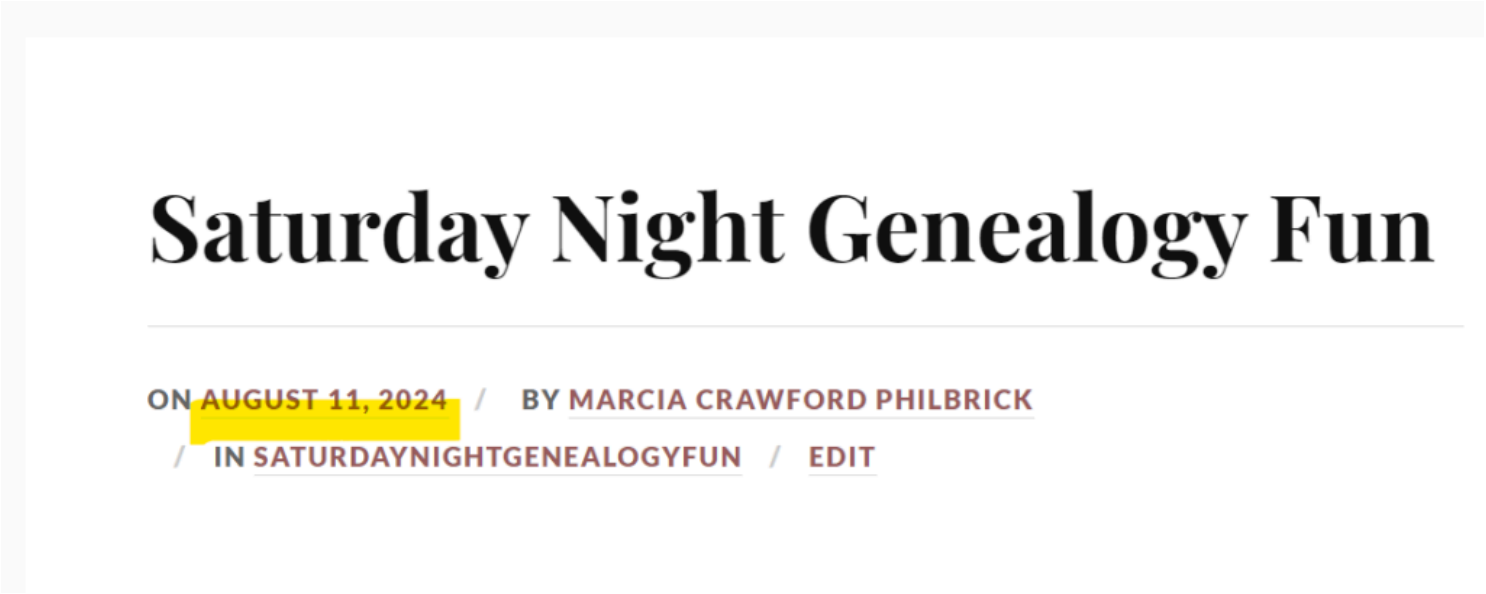
For more details, you can visit Heartland Genealogy's August 2024 blog posts(Heartland Genealogy).

Since ChatGPT did not give me a list for the entire month, I started investigating my blog to see if I could figure out how to again improve my prompt. That's when I realized that ChatGPT was stopping at the bottom of the page and not following the link to 'Older Posts'.



After giving ChatGPT similar prompts for page 2, 3 and 4 of my August index, I had a fairly complete list. A quick scan of the results revealed that it missed the posts for August 11th. I found this post at the bottom of page 2.



Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

ON AUGUST 11, 2024 / BY MARCIA CRAWFORD PHILBRICK / IN SATURDAYNIGHTGENEALOGYFUN / EDIT

Yes, ChatGPT was not 100% correct with these lists. However, the time spent proof-reading and editing the results is minimal compared to the time required to create the list by hand! Thank you ChatGPT!

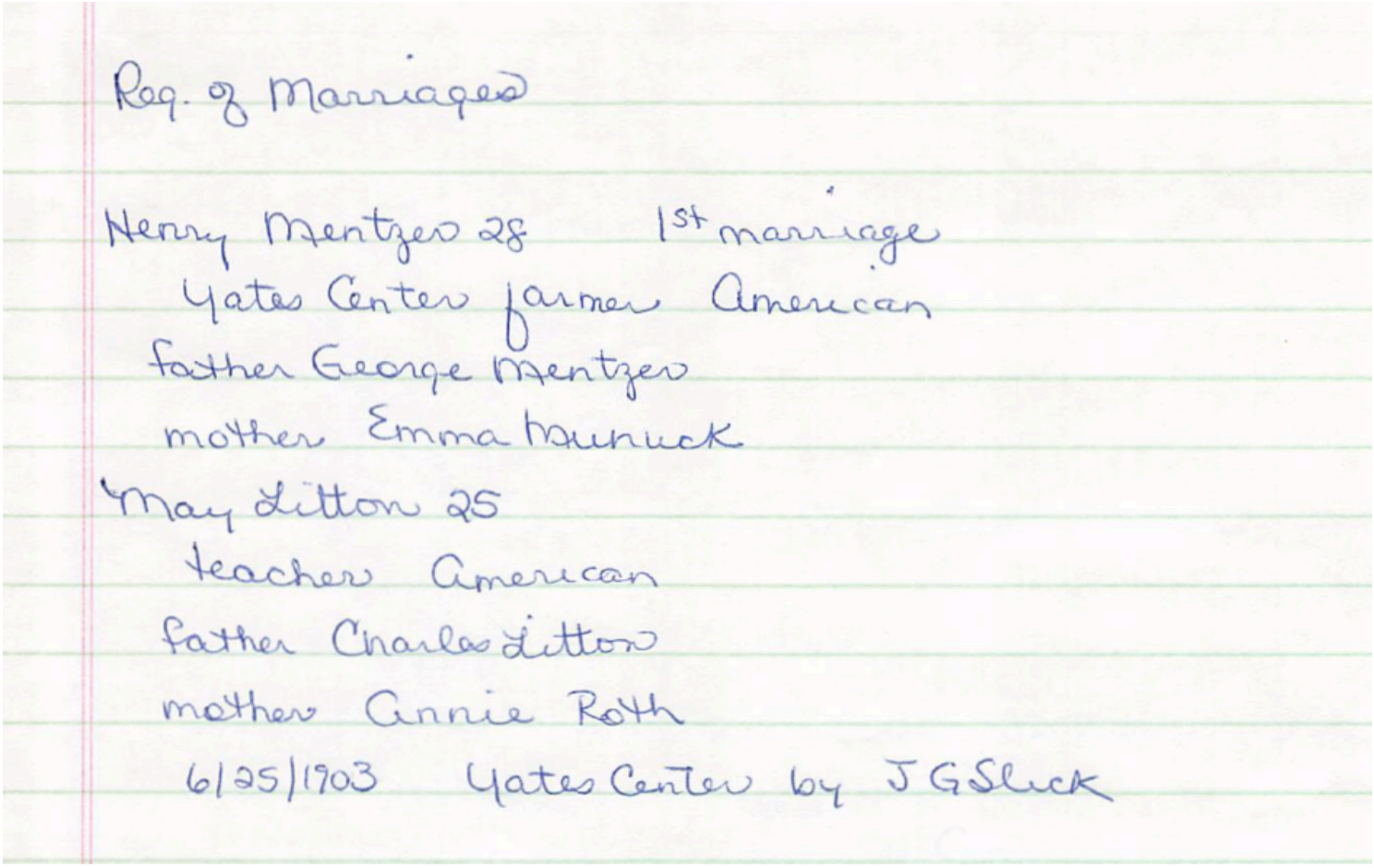
Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 4, 2024
Kansas,Mentzer,Woodson_County

Mentzer Marriages

Have you ever found handwritten notes about family marriages in your files and wondered how to use them to track down the original documents?

Today's discovery comes from notes likely taken during a visit to Yates Center and the Woodson County Courthouse. These notes pertain to the marriage of Henry Mentzer.


Reg. of Marriages

Henry Mentzer 28 1st marriage
Yates Center farmer American
father George Mentzer
mother Emma Munuck

May Litton 25
teacher American
father Charles Litton
mother Annie Roth
6/25/1903 Yates Center by J G Sluck

Knowing that FamilySearch has digitized many county records, I searched their site to see what was available for Woodson County, Kansas. While not all of the county's marriage records have been digitized, they have been indexed, making it easier to locate the relevant information.

United States, Kansas, Woodson - Vital records (5)

Marriage records, 1860-1922

Author: Kansas. Probate Court (Woodson County); Woodson County (Kansas). County Clerk; Kansas. County Court (Woodson County)

Woodson County, Kansas marriage

Woodson County, Kansas, marriages 1860-1985

Author: Call, Linda Chandler; Corbet, Dolores (Dolores Smith); Dewey, Vivian (Vivian Goodyear); Mark, Wilma (Wilma Roberts)

Woodson County, KS, marriages 1987-1994

Author: Woodson County, Kansas, Genealogy Society (Yates Center, Kansas)

Film/Digital Notes

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	Image Group Number (DGS)	Format
Marriage records: v. A-D 1860-1891 (July)	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1428817 Items 2-5	4665194	
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For instance, I quickly found the 1903 marriage record for Henry Mentzer, which included the original image of the document.

Henry Mentzer

Marriage • Kansas County Marriages, 1855-1911

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Document Information

Collection Information

Name	**Henry Mentzer**
Sex	**Male**
Age	**28 years**
Birth Year (Estimated)	**1875**
Spouse's Name	**May Litton**
Spouse's Sex	**Female**
Spouse's Age	**25 years**
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated)	**1878**
Event Type	**Marriage**
Event Date	**25 June 1903**
Event Place	**Woodson, Kansas, United States**
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MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

SAML. DODSWORTH BOOK CO., LEAVENWORTH, KAN. No. 9662

State of Kansas, } ss. Woodson County. } **In the Probate Court of said County and State.**

Henry Mentzer, who now here makes application for **Marriage License** addressed to any person authorized by law to join in marriage, the said Henry Mentzer aged 28 years, and May Litton aged 25 years being by me first duly sworn, doth say that

And that they, the said Henry Mentzer and May Litton are not related to each other in the degrees prohibited by law, to wit: Parent and child, grand-parent and grand-child of any degree, brother and sister of either the one-half or of the whole blood, uncle and neice, aunt and nephew, nor first cousins—and that there exists no legal impediment to said marriage.

Henry Mentzer

In Testimony Whereof, I the undersigned, Judge of the Probate Court in and for Woodson County, and ex-officio Clerk thereof, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at my office.

(SEAL)

this 25 day of June A. D. 1903

J. P. Keeney Probate Judge

State of Kansas, } **Office of Probate Judge of said County.**
County of Woodson. }

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the 25 day of May A. D. 1903 there was issued from the office of said Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy:

MARRIAGE LICENSE

No. 42

Woodson County, State of Kansas, June 24 A. D. 1903

To any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in Marriage Henry Mentzer of Yates Center aged 28 years, and Mary Litton of " " aged 25 years, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

(SEAL) J. A. Gregory, Probate Judge

And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to wit, on the 27 day of July A. D. 1903 returned to said Probate Judge, with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to wit:

State of Kansas, County of Woodson, ss.

I, a Minister of the Gospel do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the 25 day of June A. D. 1903, at Yates Center in said County, join and unite in Marriage the within named Henry Mentzer and May Litton

WITNESS MY HAND and seal this day and year above written.

Edd J. S. Slick
Minister

Attest: J. A. Gregory Probate Judge.

Woodson County, Kansas, Marriage Records, vol. G:240, Henry Mentzer-May LItton, 2 Jul 1903; digital image, "Kansas County Marriages, 1840-1935," FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org: accessed 18 January 2016).

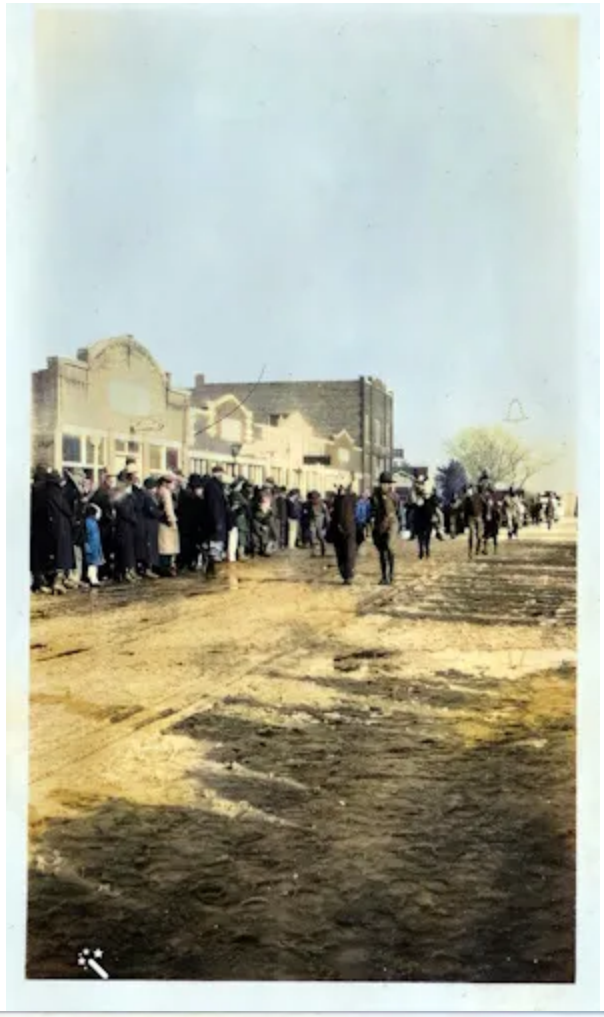
These handwritten notes guided me to both the original marriage license for Henry, showcasing the value of even the smallest genealogical clues.

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 5, 2024
Nemaha County

Do you have a stack of old photos that not only deserve to be shared but also have stories waiting to be uncovered?

That's exactly the situation for some recently acquired photographs at the Nemaha County Historical Society. These images capture the spirit of one or more Christmas parades, offering a glimpse into festive celebrations of the past. They also provide valuable clues that help date some of the historic buildings on Main Street in Seneca.



A search of the Seneca newspapers suggests that these pictures are from two parades. Both of these parades likely occurred in December 1937.

Below is a narrative about this parade:

A Christmas Celebration in Seneca: The Story of Santa Claus and His Reindeer Parade

In the bustling town of Seneca, Kansas, excitement filled the air as the local Chamber of Commerce announced a special event that would make this Christmas unforgettable. Santa Claus himself was coming to town, and this year, he wasn't coming alone—he was bringing genuine, live reindeer.

For years, children and adults alike had seen pictures of reindeer, but how many had seen a real one, up close and in the flesh? This year, the Chamber of Commerce, led by A.J. Wempe, promised something truly special: Santa's sleigh, pulled by real, moss-eating reindeer, was set to arrive on December 15th. The anticipation grew as the townspeople prepared for what was shaping up to be the most magical Christmas celebration yet.

The newspapers were abuzz with the news. Articles detailed how the reindeer, known scientifically as *Rangifer tarandus* of the family Cervidae, were more than just a curiosity—they were indispensable to the Laplanders of Northern Europe, used for everything from transportation to dairy production. But to the children of Seneca, these reindeer were simply Santa's helpers, the mystical creatures who pulled his sleigh from the North Pole to deliver presents around the world.

Despite some skepticism and rumors that the reindeer might not be real, the town's spirit remained unbroken. Old Eagle Eye, the Courier-Tribune's ace reporter, was quick to debunk any doubts, confirming that the reindeer were indeed genuine and not mere stuffed animals. The city's preparations continued in earnest, with new strings of lights illuminating Main Street, creating a festive atmosphere that would last well into the New Year.

On the appointed day, the town was in full celebration mode. Schools were encouraged to let out early so children could witness the grand arrival of Santa Claus, his reindeer, and a host of other characters, including Little Red Riding Hood, Laffo the clown, and even Popeye and Jack Frost. Thousands of townsfolk gathered, their faces filled with wonder as Santa, with his reindeer in tow, made his grand entrance.

The success of the event led to another surprise announcement: Santa would return the following Saturday, December 18th, for an encore performance. This time, he was bringing a special guest—Prince Ali Buddha of Afghanistan, an Oriental mystic known for his enchanting magic tricks and puppet shows. The town buzzed with excitement at the thought of another magical day, filled with performances, carols sung by local students, and gifts from Santa himself.

Behind the scenes, much credit was due to the efforts of the Boy Scouts, CCC boys, and other local volunteers who helped manage the large crowds and assist with the event logistics. Their contribution was a testament to the community's spirit of cooperation and goodwill.

As the days ticked down to Christmas, Seneca was alive with joy and anticipation. The town had come together to create a magical experience that would be remembered for years to come. Santa's visit, complete with real reindeer and a cast of colorful characters, was more than just a parade—it was a celebration of the season, of community, and of the magic that Christmas brings to young and old alike.

In the end, the 1938 Christmas season in Seneca was a resounding success, filled with laughter, joy, and a little bit of magic, reminding everyone of the wonder and spirit of the holiday season.

Below is the story of the parades as told by the newspaper articles:

Jingle Bells—December 15th
C. of C. Announces Santa Has Genuine Reindeer.
Boys and girls and grown-ups, too! Betcha never saw a real reindeer!
All these years you have seen pictures of reindeer, but what's a picture compared to the real flesh and blood kind like the Esquimaux use?
Santa Claus, it appears from an announcement by the Chamber of Commerce, has decided to quit foolin'. When he comes to Seneca December 15th he actually will be driving reindeer and there can't be any doubt about it. Already a Chamber of Commerce committee, headed by A.J. Wempe, has made arrangements with the Seneca city council for lighting. Christmas, it appears, comes earlier and earlier each year. Some day we are going to save time and hold both holidays on the Fourth of July.
It is no great trick to induce Santa Claus to visit a town. He shows up each year in December in any number of places. But it was some feat to get Santa Claus to promise to bring real reindeer. Why, a reindeer just can't eat any old thing. He has to have reindeer moss. Neither can he be brought from the polar regions here in one jump. He has to be moved south gradually, so he can get used to the heat. For that reason, Santa Claus starts in moving him south by degrees. In fact, he maintains stables along the way. It's quite a story. We'll see if we can find out more about it.

Courier Tribune 15 Nov 1937, page 1

Genus Rangifer; Family Cervidae
But To You, Boys and Girls, Reindeer Coming.

All we know about reindeer is what we find in the encyclopedia. The encyclopedia says the reindeer is of the genus Rangifer, family Cervidae. But who cares about what scientific men call them? To us they are just plain reindeer and they are coming to Seneca as part of a pre-Christmas show by Santa Claus all day December 15. But we should know something about what reindeer are good for in addition to hauling Santa Claus from pole to pole.

The reindeer, sometimes called caribou, ranges from Maine and New Brunswick to the north of Europe where the Laplanders use it extensively both as a pack and draft animal. In fact, the reindeer is so valuable to the Laplander, it takes the place of horses, sheep, and oxen. While a reindeer is hardly more than three feet high, he has great strength and endurance. It has even been known to haul a sledge as much as 50 miles in one day. Dunder and Blitzen, coming to Seneca Dec. 15, must be fully that good or Santa Claus never would get here. The Laplanders milk their reindeer and make cheese. The flesh of the animal supplies them with meat; the skins are used for clothing, tents, and bedding.

Santa Claus will not confine his exhibit to reindeer. In fact, his advance agent says there will be a regular carnival of fun at Santa's own cabin.

Courier Tribune 6 Dec 1937

STREET AGLOW IN YULETIDE

THE REINDEER ARE READY

Why, Virginia, What Ever Made You Think the Merchants Would Deceive You?

The same skeptics who told Virginia things which made her ask about the genuineness of Santa Claus are now putting ideas into the child's head about the flesh and blood reindeer, hired to haul Santa Claus here next Wednesday, December 15.

Now once again, Virginia, and older persons too, Santa Claus is bringing living, breathing moss-eating reindeer here. Only possible exception could be some calamitous happening to the reindeer and who… wants to borrow trouble in the Christmas season?

The Courier-Tribune sent its ace reporter, Old Eagle Eye, to make an investigation of the rumors that the reindeer are only stuffed animals, made of paper mache or something of the sort. Old Eagle Eye made quick work of his job. He was back at the office in 15 minutes. The best edition that the persons who are telling Virginia the reindeer are not real, who are stealing some of the new light bulbs from the Christmas trees which make Main Street a thing of beauty and a joy till New Year's.

Of course, right-thinking Christmas-spirited people would never do such a thing. The city council provided the new strings of lights and gave Main Street the finest kind of cooperation in preparation for Santa Claus. If sneaky bulb thieves steal the lights and persist in telling Virginia the reindeer are not real, who knows, the council may just simply stop having Christmas here—or then again the City Marshal may have a boarder for his cute little jail cell in the city hall basement.

Everybody concedes Main Street never looked nicer than it does this Christmas. The Christmas trees are much more effective because there is an absence of unlighted trees. The lights are so connected that one dead or stolen bulb will not affect the others.

The Christmas committee has extended an invitation for the schools to close next Wednesday or at least part of the day so that the children will not miss Santa Claus and his reindeer, Little Red Riding Hood and her chariot, Laffo, the funny clown and his trick mule, the Indian chief and his elk, the three wise men and the camel, Popeye, Jack Frost, and so forth. Schools should arrange so the students can be in Seneca some time between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., a member of the committee suggests. It's thought a number of schools will close for the afternoon.

Courier Tribune 9 Dec 1937, page 1

SANTA CLAUS IS TO REPEAT
COMES AGAIN THE 18TH

This Time He Brings an Entertainer, Prince Buddha of Afghanistan.

Old Santa Claus has announced he will play a return engagement in Seneca next Saturday. Why, that's more than anybody expected! What a break for the children, what a break!

Not only is Santa Claus giving the boys and girls good measure, he is throwing in extras. A.J. Wempe, resident

engineer for Santa Claus, has just learned that instead of reindeer next Saturday, Santa will have a pal. And what a pal!

Santa has promised to bring no less a person than Prince Ali Buddha of Afghanistan. Prince Buddha is scheduled to appear on the stage of the city hall auditorium promptly at two o'clock p.m. The doors will open at 1:30. All children who have not yet reached their 12th birthday are welcome.

Prince Buddha is an Oriental mystic. He is the kind of person who can pull rabbits out of hats and sword swallowing is just pie for the Prince.

The Prince also has a side line. It is a modernized version of Punch & Judy. It would be too much to expect Buddha to bring Charlie McCarthy, but it's a cinch Charlie McCarthy is not the only puppet in the show business. There are just as good puppets in the wood as have ever been carved.

During the wait for Prince Buddha, Mr. Wempe has asked Miss Whittlesey to have her high school young people sing Christmas carols. Prince Buddha will spend 30 to 40 minutes doing his stuff and then Santa Claus will get right down to the real business of the afternoon, the presentation of a personal gift to each boy and girl in the room. Last year more than 4000 similar gifts were made on two Saturdays.

It is confidently expected the city hall will be jammed to the guards. For this reason, Mr. Wempe has arranged with Chief Charlie Rucker to have firemen at the hall to see that no harm comes to anyone. Assisting also will be Seneca Boy Scouts who will help Santa Claus in distributing his gifts. The Happy Homes Helping Hands 4-H club is being used to prepare Santa's presents in shape for bestowal.

So the 1938 Christmas season approaches its climax on Main street. Recognizing the hurry and haste of the last week before Christmas, it was announced at a meeting of Chamber of Commerce members Tuesday noon that the stores will be opening each evening, beginning Saturday.

Courier Tribune, 16 Dec 1937, page 1

MyHeritage was used to clorize and enhance the photos. ChatGPT was used to transcribe the newspaper articles and to create the narrative from those newspaper articles.

Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 6, 2024
Uncategorized

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Share one way in which you've implemented Artificial Intelligence (AI) in your genealogy research (You can do more than one if you like!). What AI tools did you use?

Randy's question is certainly a tough one! Choosing just *one* way to use AI? That's a challenge!

While I haven't dabbled in AI as extensively as Randy Seaver, I've incorporated it into various aspects of my work. I mainly use two platforms: ChatGPT and Perplexity.ai.

Perplexity.ai has been incredibly helpful for historical research, particularly when I was creating displays for the Nemaha County Historical Society. It's been a reliable resource for digging deeper into history.

On the other hand, I turn to ChatGPT for content creation and refinement. For instance, in last week's "Saturday Night Genealogy Fun" post, I used ChatGPT to compile a narrative from several previous blog posts. One of the things I appreciate most about ChatGPT is how effortlessly it transforms a series of newspaper articles into a cohesive narrative. It also excels at enhancing RootsMagic narrative reports, giving them a more engaging tone.

I'll also be using ChatGPT for this blog post. Once I've written the draft, I plan to paste it into ChatGPT and have it polish my writing. I'll also ask it to craft a meta description for the post.

Be sure to check out other posts on this blog related to Artificial Intelligence!

Benjamin Duggins Sells Land

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 7, 2024
Duggins,Ohio,Preble County

Preble County Ohio
Deeds V. 71-72 1877-1880
Film 564939 DGS 8588017

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Benjamin A Duggins & Wife to Alex , F. Hume & Thomas Moore
Filed for record August 27 ” 1878
Know all men 1878 by these Presents : That I , Benjamin A. Duggins
of the County of Preble and State of Ohio , in consideration of the
Sum of Fifty Two hundred and Fifty Dollars , to me paid by
Alexander F Hume and Thomas Moore of the County of Butter
and State aforesaid , the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge
do hereby Grant , Bargain , Sell and Convey to the said Alexander
F. Hume, Thomas Moore and their Heirs and Assigns forever
the following Real Estate , situated in the County of Preble , in the
State of Ohio , and in the Township of Gasper and bounded
and described as follows : situate , lying and being in the
County of Preble and State of Ohio , and being the North part
of the North-East quarter of Section No . Seventeen (17) in
Township No 7 and range two (2) East & ” and bounded
and described as follows , to – wit :
Beginning at the North [West]
corner of said quarter a + on a boulder, Witness a W on a
boulder , N [51 3/4]degrees E 46 links and a W on a boulder N [52 1/2] degrees W
44 links ; thence N. 86 degrees East one hundred twenty nine forty
hundredths poles to a Corner , a + on a boulder planted for the
S. W. Corner of Section 9 , thence South [4 degrees] E one hundred and
four and sixty one hundredths poles to a corner ; thence S [86 degrees]
West the hundred and twenty nine and Forty hundredths
poles to the West line of said quarter thence North 4 degrees West
One hundred and four and forty two hundredths poles to
the place of beginning , containing Eighty four and sixty
Five hundredths acres be the same more or less and all
the estate title and interest of the said Benjamin A. Duggins
therein , – To Have and to Hold said premises , with all the privileges
and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said Alexander
F Hume and Thomas Moore their heirs and assigns forever
And the said Benjamin A. Duggins for himself and his
heirs does hereby Covenant with the said Alexander F. Hume
and Thomas Moore their Heirs and assigns that he is
lawfully seized of the premises aforesaid , that the said
premises are free and clear from all Incumbrance what
soever , and that he will forever Warrant and Defend the
same , with the appurtenances unto the said Alexander
F. Hume and Thomas Moore their heirs and assigns
against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever .
In Witness Whereof , the said Benjamin A. Duggins
and Jane Duggins his wife who hereby released all
her right of dower in the premises , have hereunto set their
hands and seals this 27th day of August , in the year
of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Eight
B. A. Duggins (LS)
Jane Duggins (LS)

Signed , sealed and acknowledged in presence of –
Charles F. Duggins
James A Gilmore

State of Ohio
Preble County SS . }
Be it remembered that on this 27th day of August
A. D . 1878 , below , me , the subscriber a Notary Public in and [for] said
personally came the above named Benjamin A. Duggins
and Jane Duggins his wife the grantors in the foregoing deed
and acknowledged the signing and Sealing of the same to be
their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes thereto
mentioned , And the said Jane Duggins wife of the said Benj –
amin A. Duggins being at the same and examined by me
Seperate and a part from her said husband , and the con
tents of said Instrument being by me made known and
Examined to her , then declared that she did voluntarily
sign seal and acknowledge the same , and that she is
Still satisfied therewith as her voluntary act and deed
for the uses and purposes therein mentioned .
In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my
name and affixed my Notarial Seal on the day and year
last aforesaid ,
(Seal)
James A. Gilmore
Notary Public
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Benjamin A Duggins & Wife To Alex. F. Kumm & Thomas Moore

Filed for Record August 27th 1878

Know all men by these Presents: That I. Benjamin A. Duggins of the County of Preble and State of Ohio, in consideration of the Sum of Fifty Two hundred and Fifty Dollars. to me paid by Alexander F. Kumm and Thomas Moore of the County of Butler and State aforesaid. the receipt Whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby Grant, Bargain, Sell and Convey to the said Alexander F. Kumm, Thomas Moore and their Heirs and Assigns forever the following Real-Estate. Situated in the County of Preble. in the State of Ohio, and in the Township of Gasper and bounded and described as follows: Situate, lying and being in the County of Preble and State of Ohio, and being the North part of the North-East Quarter of Section No. Seventeen (17) in Township No 7 and Range two (2) East 7th, and bounded and described as follows, to-Wit:

Beginning at the North West corner of Said Quarter, a + on a boulder, Witness a W on a boulder. N 5 3/4° E 46. links and a W on a boulder N 5 1/2° W. 44 links: Thence N. 86° East one hundred twenty nine Forty hundredths poles to a corner, a + on a boulder planted for the S. W. Corner of Section 9. Thence South 2 1/2 one hundred and four and Sixty one hundredths poles to a corner: Thence S 86° West one hundred and twenty nine and Forty hundredths poles to the West line of Said Quarter: Thence North 4° West one hundred and four and forty two hundredths poles to the place of beginning, Containing Eighty four and Sixty five hundredths acres be the Same more or less and all the estate title and interest of the Said Benjamin A. Duggins therein.

To Have and to Hold said premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the Said Alexander F. Kumm and Thomas Moore their heirs and assigns forever.

And the Said Benjamin A. Duggins for himself and his heirs does hereby Covenant with the Said Alexander F. Kumm and Thomas Moore their Heirs and assigns that he is lawfully Seized of the premises aforesaid: that the said premises are free and clear from all Encumbrances Whatsoever, and that he will forever Warrant and Defend the same, with the appurtenances unto the Said Alexander F. Kumm and Thomas Moore their heirs and assigns against the Lawful claims of all persons Whomsoever.

In Witness Whereof, the Said Benjamin A. Duggins and Jane Duggins his Wife Who hereby released all her right of dower in the premises, have hereunto set their hands and Seals this 27th day of August. in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight Hundred and Seventy Eight

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged
in presence of— Charles F. Duggins
James A. Gilmore

B. A. Duggins (23)
Jane Duggins (28)

State of Ohio.
Preble County ss:

Be it Remembered, That on this 27th day of August A.D. 1878, before me, the Subscriber a Notary Public in and for said County personally came the above-named Benjamin A. Duggins and Jane Duggins his wife the Grantors in the foregoing Deed and acknowledged the Signing and Sealing of the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, And the said Jane Duggins wife of the said Benjamin A Duggins being at the same time examined by me, Separate and apart from her said husband, and the contents of said Instrument being by me made known and explained to her, then declared that She did voluntarily Sign, Seal and acknowledge the same, and that She is still satisfied therewith as her voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto Subscribed my name and affixed my Notarial Seal on the day and year last aforesaid.

Seal

James A. Gilmore
Notary Public
Pre. Co. O.

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 8, 2024
Purple Heart,World War II

Lt. Haley Skinner

Haley William Skinner was born on February 28, 1918, in Delphos, Kansas, and moved with his family to Sabetha in 1933. He attended Kansas State College and Emporia Teachers College, where he developed a passion for aviation, earning his private pilot's license in March 1940. His interest in flying led him to enlist in the U.S. Army Air Corps in March 1941, marking the beginning of a promising military career.

Haley's initial training took place at Airlee Field in Stamford, Texas, followed by advanced training at Randolph Field. His dedication to his studies saw him survive the stringent training process, and by the summer of 1941, he was one of the few cadets still in the program. His leadership and commitment earned him the role of editor-in-chief of a cadet publication, and by the fall of 1941, he had completed his pursuit pilot training at Selma, Alabama, earning his wings as a second lieutenant.

Assigned to the 57th Pursuit Group, Haley was stationed at Windsor Locks, Connecticut, where he continued training and preparing for combat. With the onset of World War II, he was transferred to the west coast and eventually to Australia in early 1942. He was aboard the USS Langley, a converted aircraft carrier being used as an aircraft tender, on its mission to transport P-40 fighter planes to Java.

On February 27, 1942, tragedy struck when the Langley was attacked by Japanese aircraft near Java. The ship was severely damaged, and its crew was forced to abandon it. Haley and other survivors were transferred to the USS Pecos, a tanker that was itself sunk the following day by Japanese bombers. Haley was reported missing after these events, and despite extensive efforts to locate survivors, no definitive word of his fate emerged.

For months, the Sabetha community and Haley's family clung to hope, buoyed by reports of survivors being rescued long after similar incidents. A memorial service was held in Sabetha in April 1942 to honor his service and sacrifice. Friends, family, and members of various community organizations, including the Masonic Order, Boy Scouts, and American Legion, gathered to pay tribute to Haley, a beloved figure in his community.

In December 1945, after nearly four years of uncertainty, the War Department officially presumed Haley dead. He was 24 years old at the time of his death, having perished in the service of his country. Haley's life was one of devotion to his family, friends, and nation, and his memory continues to inspire those who knew him.

Haley was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, and his name is inscribed on the Tablets of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines, as well as on a memorial in Sabetha Cemetery, Kansas. His legacy endures as a symbol of courage, service, and sacrifice during one of the most challenging periods of American history

Executive Officer Lt. Commander Lawrence J. McPeake was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for valor for his actions aboard Pecos. After the order to abandon ship was given by the ship's Captain, Commander Abernethy, Lt. Commander McPeake was seen engaging Japanese Aichi D3A1 "Val" dive bombers, which were machine-gunning survivors in the water. By some crewmembers' accounts, he was reported to have made it off the ship after it went down. Others reported him last being seen manning the machine gun. In fact, he did swim away from the vessel with another officer as it was going down. However, his body was never recovered and he was eventually listed as Killed In Action after the war.

After Pecos was sunk, Whipple raced to the scene and rescued 232 survivors. Many of the survivors, although visible by crew members of Whipple, were unable to be picked up and were abandoned at sea, due to the detection of what was thought to be two enemy submarines in the area at extremely close range. Out of over 630 total crewmen and Langley survivors on Pecos more than 400 were left behind and died. Exact casualty numbers for the doomed ships of the United States Asiatic Fleet and American-British-Dutch-Australian Command are impossible to gather because so many Allied warships were sunk in the Dutch East Indies campaign (at least 24 total) and many of those ships had already picked up survivors of other sunken ships and then were also sunk by the Japanese hours or days later.

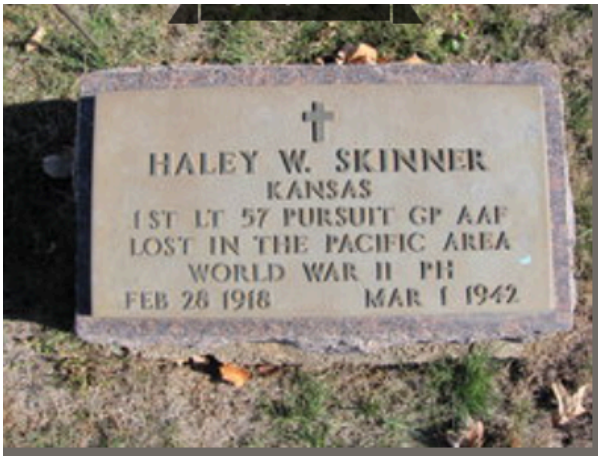


Photo added by Larry Gilbert

Haley W Skinner

BIRTH	28 Feb 1918
DEATH	1 Mar 1942 (aged 24) At Sea
CENOTAPH	Sabetha Cemetery Sabetha, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA
MEMORIAL ID	154945475 · View Source

DNA Study

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 9, 2024
Crawford,DNA

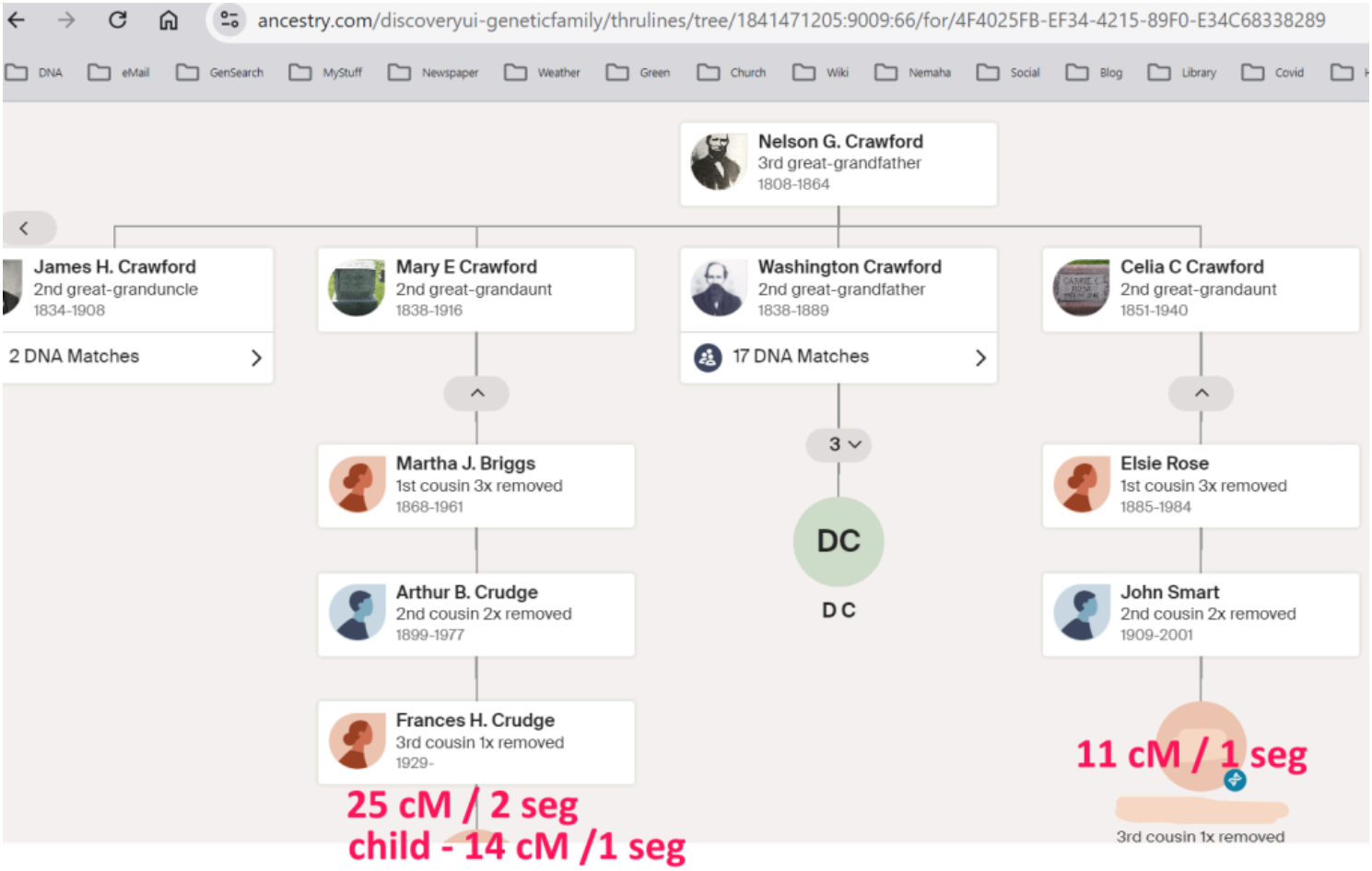
Have you been exploring new tools or techniques to help with your genealogy research? Have they helped you overcome any of your brick walls?

Despite being told that Ancestry DNA might not help with my more distant brick walls, I decided to take Diahan Southard's DNA Study Group course. Diahan emphasizes that autosomal DNA can be particularly effective for tracing ancestors as far back as 3rd great-grandparents. Unfortunately, my brick walls extend further into the past.

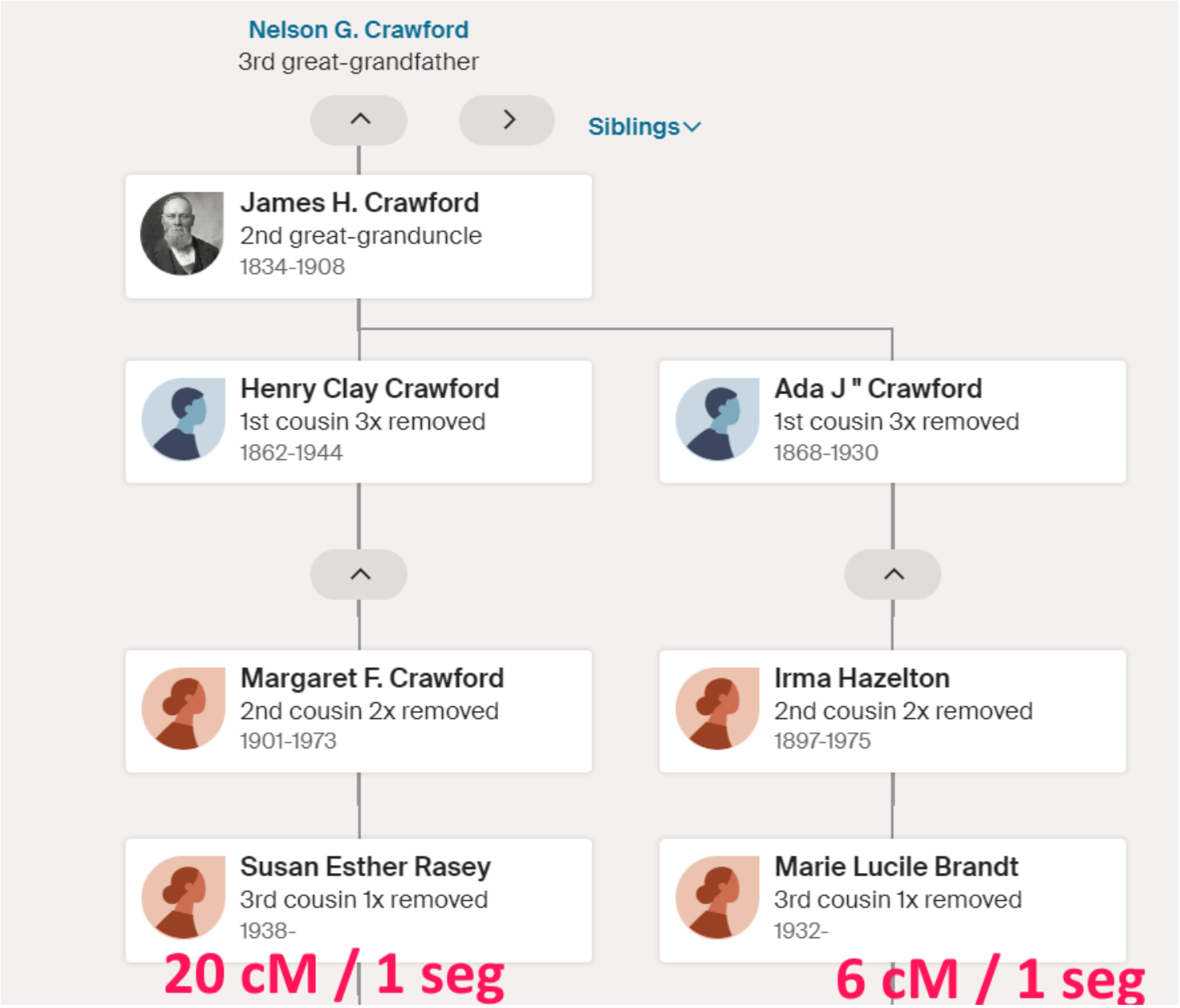
However, I'm not giving up. I'll be applying the skills I learned in the course to dig deeper into my Crawford and Smith ancestry. My focus will be on my 3rd great-grandparents, Nelson G. Crawford and his wife, Martha Smith. Nelson and Martha had eight children, and six of them have descendants, so I'm hopeful that exploring these lines will help me uncover more about their lives and heritage.

The first step is to identify what Diahan calls 'Best Known Matches' (BKM). By using Ancestry's ThruLines feature for myself and my two brothers, I can pinpoint potential BKMs to focus on.

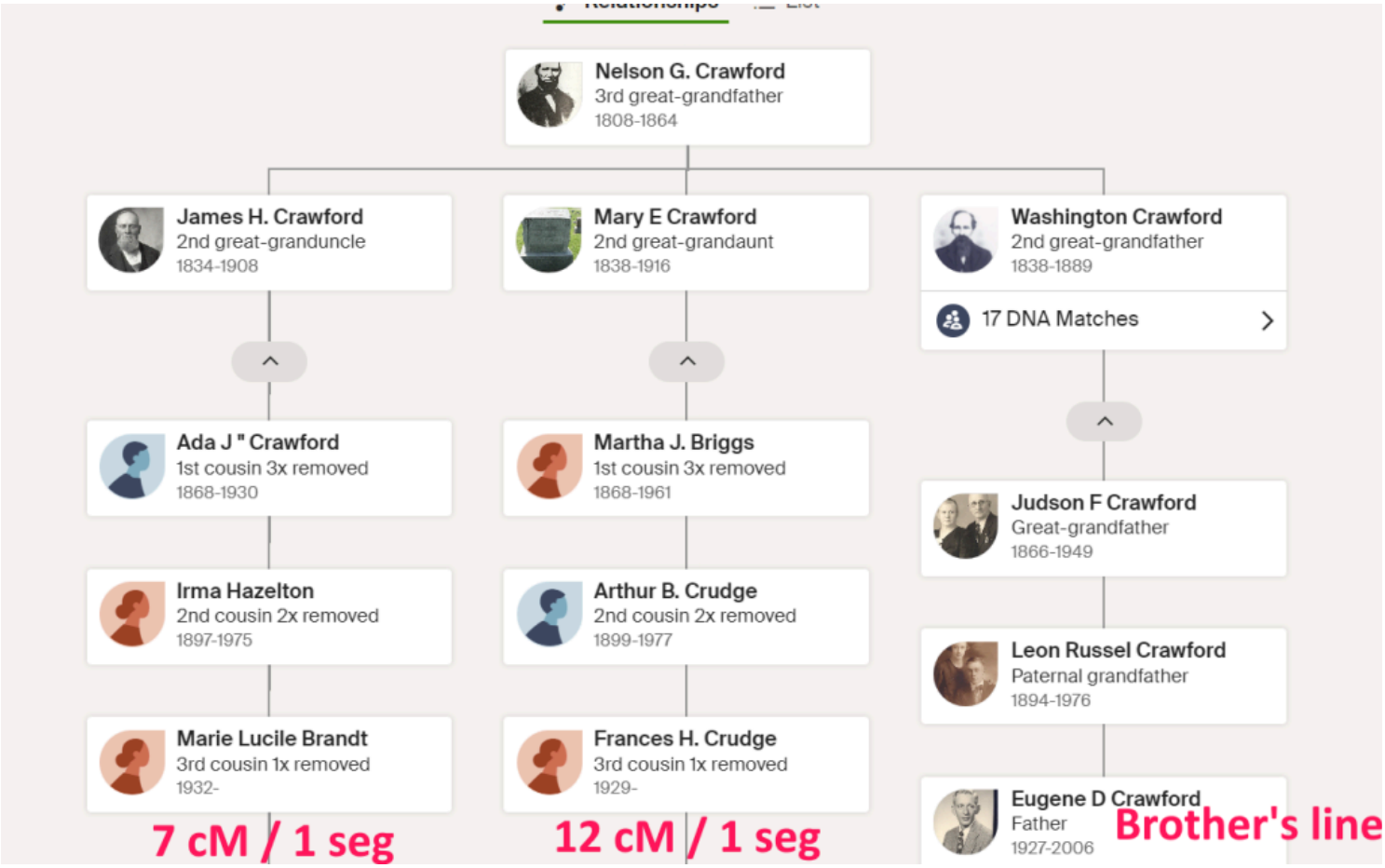
Potential BKB for my DNA



Potential BKM for brother 1



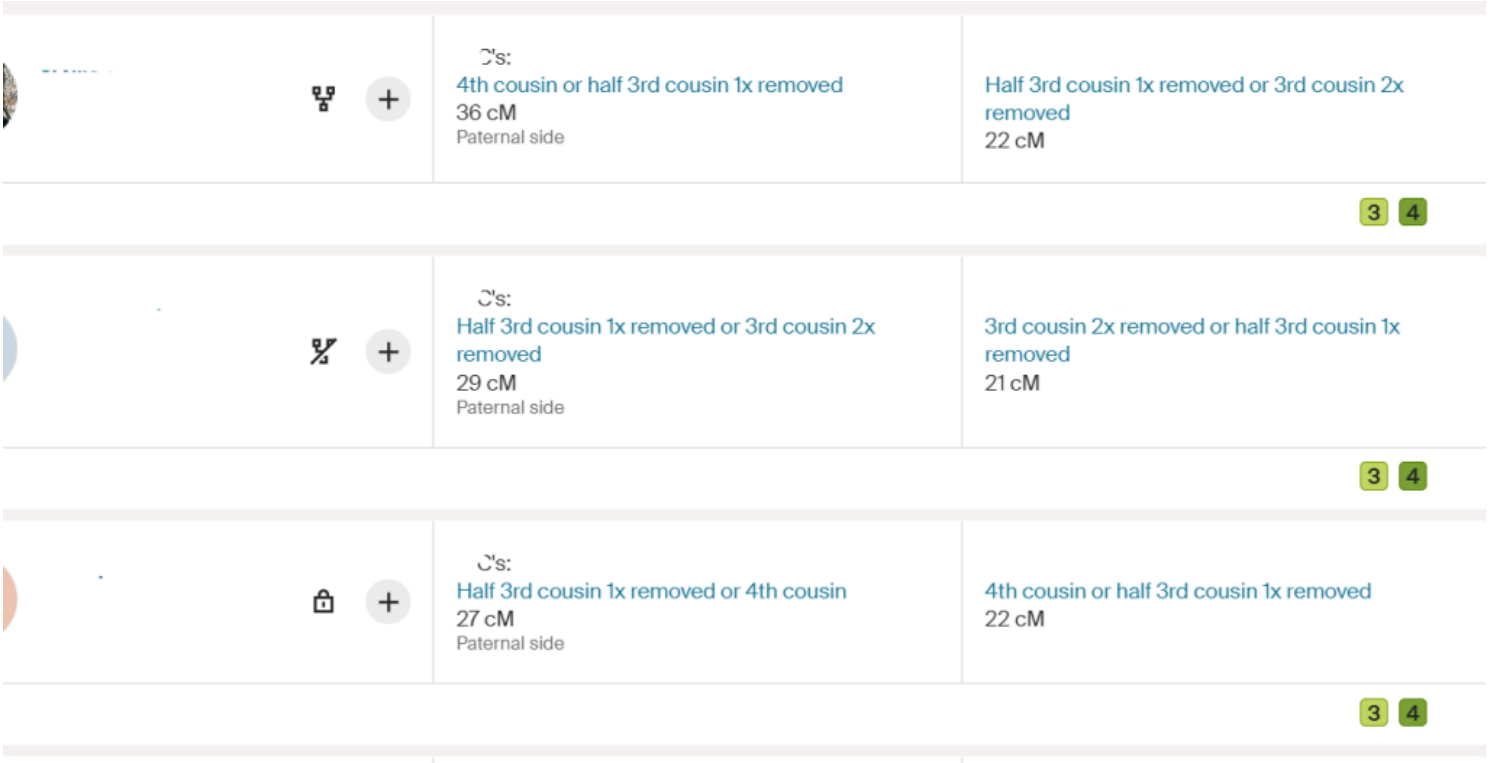
More potential BKM for Brother 1



BKM for Brother 2

Since each BKM can have up to 100 shared matches, I need to focus on one to begin with. Looking at the centimorgan (cM) data, two of my brother's matches seem like strong starting points. One shares 20 cM across a single segment but has a tree with only seven people. The other shares 25 cM across two segments and has a tree extending five generations. Although both lines are in my tree, I'm more familiar with the Rasey line (20 cM). Therefore, I'll begin by exploring the 'Rasey' shared matches to help identify any unknown connections.

My next step will be to ensure that all 'Rasey' shared matches are properly labeled with their Crawford connections. Those who share 20 cM or more with my brother have already been labeled.



Thanks to ProTools, the list of shared matches has expanded. It now includes those who share less than 20 cM with my brother but share at least 20 cM with the 'Rasey' match.

I'll be sharing my progress in future posts as I work through these matches and gain more insight into the process.

Duggins Land Issue

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 10, 2024
Duggins,Ohio,Preble County

Have you ever encountered a deed that implies a person is an executor of an estate without specifically identifying the person in that manner?

The following deed is the result of a court case decision against Benjamin A. Duggins. The statement “Benjamin A. Duggins having first given due and legal notice” implies that Benjamin may have been an executor of an state. Thus, the following deed provides clues to other potential records.

> Sheriff McCleaf , to William A Duggins Received for Record Jan 3rd 1865
> Know all men by these Presents that whereas W J Gilman at the October term
> of the Court of Common Pleas , within and for the County of Preble AD 1863
> recovered a judgement in said Court , against Benjamin A Duggins for the
> sum of one hundred and fifty seven dollars and ninety four cents and five
> dollars and sixteen cents costs of suit , and whereas the said William J Gilmore
> afterwards on the 14th day of November A D 1865 and out of the Clerks office
> of said court , an executor on the said judgement , of that date directed to
> the sheriff of Preble County commanding him to make the amount of said
> Judgement and costs of the goods and chattels of said Benjamin A Duggins
> and for want thereof of his lands and tenaments which execution duly came
> to the hands of John R McCleaf Sheriff of said County to be executed ,
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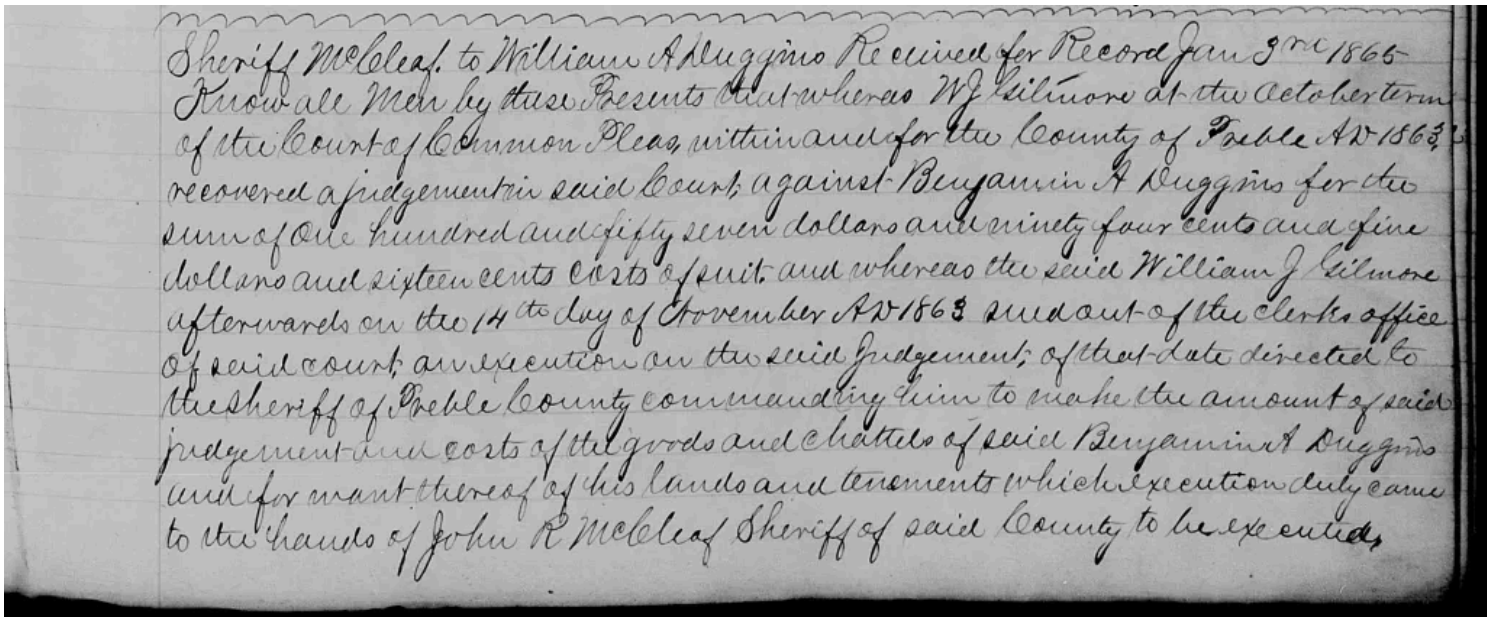
> and such proceedings were legally had upon said execution that afterwards on
> the 9th day of January AD 1864 the said John R McCleaf as such sheriff and by
> virtue of said execution duly offered at public auction the lands and ten
> ements hereinafter described levied upon on said execution as the property of
> the said Benjamin A Duggins having first given due and legal notice of the
> time and place of said sale more than thirty days prior thereto in the Eaton Weekly
> Register a Newspaper printed in said County of Preble and in general circula
> tion therein and their sold the same to William A Duggins for the sum of
> Five thousand dollars which sale was afterwards returned to the said court
> and by the said Court at its October term 1863 to wit on the 2nd day of February
> A D 1864 examined and confirmed and the said John R McCleaf ordered
> to convey the said Lands and tenements so sold as aforesaid to the said
> William A. Duggins upon his complying with the terms of said sale in fee
> simple And the said William A Duggins having complied with the terms
> of said sale I John R McCleaf Sheriff of said County of Preble in consider
> ation of the premises and by virtue of the powers in me vested by law &
> do hereby give grant and convey unto the said William A Duggins his
> heirs and assigns forever , the lands and tenements so sold as aforesaid and
> situate in Preble County Ohio and bounded and described as follows towit :
> The North East quarter of section to seventeen (17) Township No Seven (7)
> Range two (2) East , and forty acres off of the North end of the South
> East quarter of said section 17 Tp 7 Range 2 East aforesaid To have
> and to hold to him the said William A Duggins and to his heirs
> and assigns forever . In testimony whereas I have hereunto set my
> hand and affixed my seal this 31st day of December AD 1864
> John R McCleaf
> Sheriff Preble County Ohio
>
> Executed and delivered in our presence
> J M Brown Sur Risinger
> The State of Ohio Preble County S. S . }
> Be it remembered that on this 31st day of
> December 1864 before me a Notary Public in and for said County person
> ally came John R McCleaf of and acknowledged the foregoing instrument

to be his voluntary act and deed as Sheriff of said County of Preble
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal Notarial the day and year
above written
J M Brown
Notary Public
P. C. O.

Stamp $5.00
JR Mc Dec 31st 1861

Preble County Ohio Deed vol. 55, page 291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Executed and delivered in our presence of
J. M. Brown
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John R. McClea (Seal)
Sheriff Preble County Ohio

The State of Ohio Preble County S.S

Be it remembered that on this 31st day of December 1864 before me a Notary Public in and for said County personally came John R. McClea and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his voluntary act and deed as Sheriff of said County of Preble

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal Notarial the day and year above written

Stamp 70.00
J.R.McC. Dec 31/1864

(Seal)

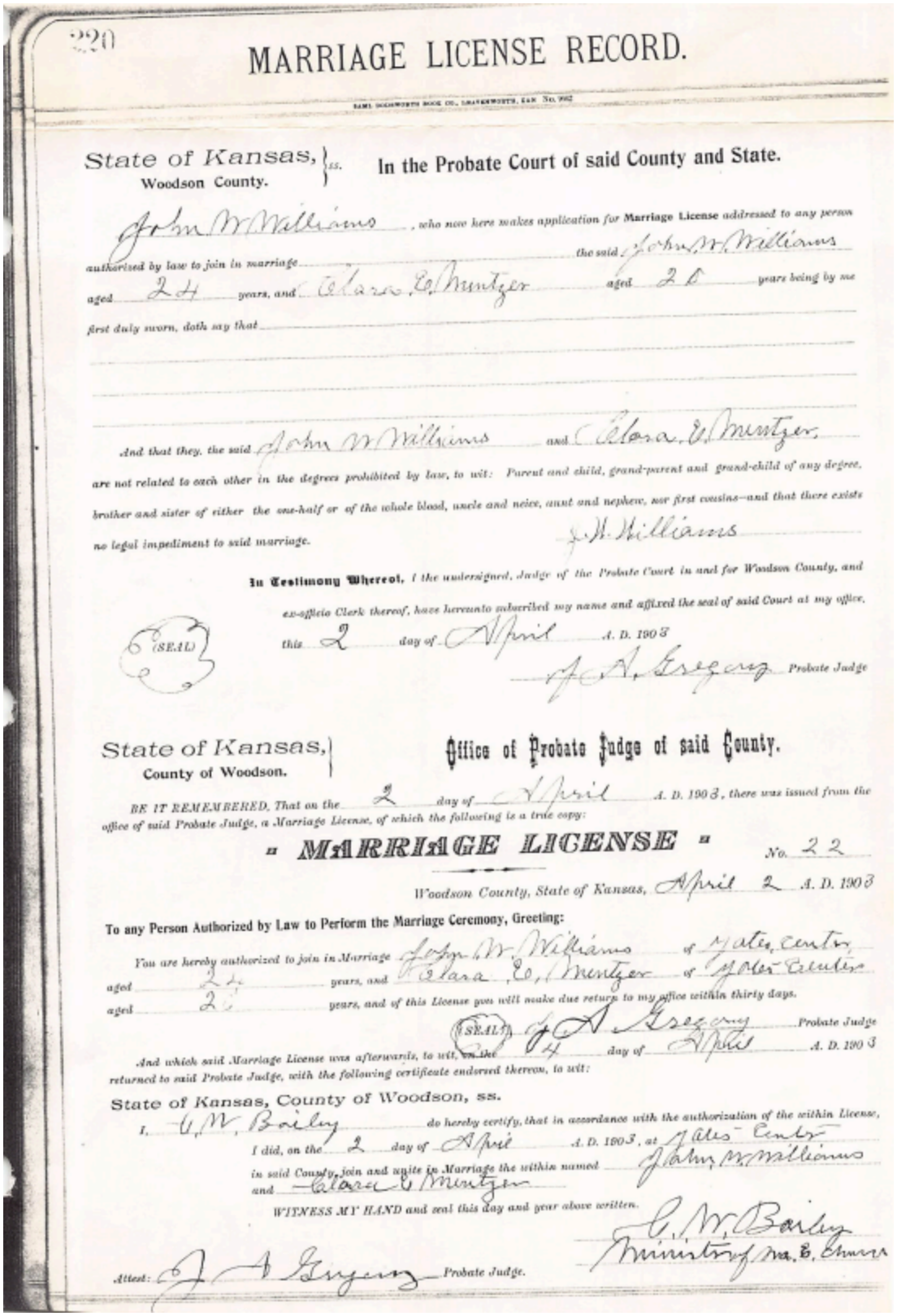
J. M. Brown
Notary Public
P. C. O.

Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 11, 2024
Artificial Intelligence,Mentzer

Clara Mentzer

Marriage license from Woodson County, Kansas



MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

State of Kansas, } ss. Woodson County. } In the Probate Court of said County and State.

John M Williams, who now here makes application for Marriage License addressed to any person authorized by law to join in marriage the said John M. Williams aged 24 years, and Clara G. Mentzer aged 20 years being by me first duly sworn, doth say that

And that they, the said John M Williams and Clara G. Mentzer, are not related to each other in the degrees prohibited by law, to wit: Parent and child, grand-parent and grand-child of any degree, brother and sister of either the one-half or of the whole blood, uncle and neice, aunt and nephew, nor first cousins—and that there exists no legal impediment to said marriage.

J. M. Williams

In Testimony Whereof, I the undersigned, Judge of the Probate Court in and for Woodson County, and ex-officio Clerk thereof, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at my office, this 2 day of April A. D. 1903

(SEAL) J. A. Gregory Probate Judge

State of Kansas, } Office of Probate Judge of said County.
County of Woodson.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the 2 day of April A. D. 1903, there was issued from the office of said Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy:

"MARRIAGE LICENSE" No. 22

Woodson County, State of Kansas, April 2 A. D. 1903

To any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in Marriage John M. Williams of Yates Center, aged 24 years, and Clara G. Mentzer of Yates Center aged 20 years, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

(SEAL) J. A. Gregory Probate Judge

And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to wit, on the 4 day of April A. D. 1903 returned to said Probate Judge, with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to wit:

State of Kansas, County of Woodson, ss.

I, G. W. Bailey do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the 2 day of April A. D. 1903, at Yates Center in said County, join and unite in Marriage the within named John M. Williams and Clara G. Mentzer

WITNESS MY HAND and seal this day and year above written.

G. W. Bailey
Minister M. E. Church

Attest: J. A. Gregory Probate Judge.

I asked ChatGPT to transcribe the above image and it produced the following:

State of Kansas,
Woodson County.

In the Probate Court of said County and State.

John M. Williams, who now makes application for Marriage License addressed to any person authorized by law to join in marriage **John M. Williams**, aged 27 years, and **Clara G. Mentzer**, aged 20 years, both of Woodson County, State of Kansas, and that they, the said **John M. Williams** and **Clara G. Mentzer**, are not related to

each other in the degree prohibited by law; that neither party has a husband or wife living; that the male is 21 years of age or older, and the female is 18 years of age or older.

In **Testimony Whereof**, I, the undersigned Judge of the Probate Court in and for Woodson County, Kansas, hereby authorize any person legally qualified to solemnize marriages to join in marriage the above-named parties.

Given under my hand and official seal of said Court at Yates Center, Kansas, this 2nd day of April A.D. 1903.

J. F. Gregory
Probate Judge
(Seal)

Marriage License

State of Kansas, County of Woodson.

Office of Probate Judge of said County.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the 2nd day of April A.D. 1903, a Marriage License was issued from the office of said Probate Judge, to wit:

In **Marriage License Record**, No. 221, the following is the true copy:

Marriage License

Woodson County, State of Kansas, April 2nd, A.D. 1903.

To any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage **John M. Williams** of Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas, aged 27 years, and **Clara G. Mentzer** of Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas, aged 20 years, and of this license you will make due return to my office within 30 days.

J. F. Gregory
Probate Judge

And which said Marriage License was duly returned to said Probate Judge, with the following certificate endorsed upon the same:

State of Kansas, County of Woodson, ss.

I, **W. M. Bailey**, a Minister of the Gospel, do hereby certify, That in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did on the 2nd day of April A.D. 1903, at the residence of **C. M. Mentzer**, in Woodson County, Kansas, join and unite in Marriage the within named persons.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above written.

W. M. Bailey
Minister of the Gospel
Attest: **A. J. Gregory** Probate Judge

Unfortunately, ChatGPT made some errors in the transcription. Below is an edited version of the transcription with errors marked out and corrections in red text.

State of Kansas,
Woodson County.

In the Probate Court of said County and State.

John W ~~M.~~ Williams, who now makes application for Marriage License addressed to any person authorized by law to join in marriage **the said, John W ~~M.~~ Williams**, aged 24~~7~~ years, and **Clara E~~G.~~ Mentzer**, aged 20 years, **being by me first duly sworn, doth say that**

~~both of Woodson County, State of Kansas,~~ and that they, the said **John W ~~M.~~ Williams** and **Clara E~~G.~~ Mentzer**, are not related to each other in the degree prohibited by law; **to wit: Parent and child, grand-parent and grand-child of any degree, brother and sister of either the one-half or of the whole blood, uncle and niece, aunt ant nephew, nor first cousin — and that there exists no legal impediment to said marriage**. ~~that neither party has a husband or wife living; that the male is 21 years of age or older, and the female is 18 years of age or older.~~

J. W. Williams

In **Testimony Whereof**, I, the undersigned Judge of the Probate Court in and for Woodson County, **and ex-officio Clerk thereof, have hereuto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, at my office** ~~Kansas, hereby authorize any person legally qualified to solemnize marriages to join in marriage the above-named parties.~~

~~Given under my hand and official seal of said Court at Yates Center, Kansas,~~ this 2nd day of April A.D. 1903.

J. F. Gregory
Probate Judge
(Seal)

State of Kansas, County of Woodson.

Office of Probate Judge of said County.

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~~**Marriage License**~~

Woodson County, State of Kansas, April 2nd, A.D. 1903.

To any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You·are·hereby·authorized·to·join·in·marriage·**John·W·~~M.~~·Williams**·of·Yates·Center,·~~Woodson·County,·Kansas,~~·aged·2**4**~~7~~·years,·and·**Clara·E~~G.~~·Mentzer**·of·Yates·Center,·~~Woodson·County,·Kansas,~~·aged·20·years,·and·of·this·license·you·will·make·due·return·to·my·office·within·30·days.¶

J.·F.·Gregory↵
Probate·Judge¶

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And·which·said·Marriage·License·was·**afterwards,·to·wit,·on·the·4·day·of·April·A.D.·1903**·~~duly~~·returned·to·said·Probate·Judge,·with·the·following·certificate·endorsed·**thereon,·to·wit:**·~~upon·the·same~~:¶

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State·of·Kansas,·County·of·Woodson,·ss.¶

I,·**C.·W.·~~M.~~·Bailey**,·~~a·Minister·of·the·Gospel,~~·do·hereby·certify,·That·in·accordance·with·the·authorization·of·the·within·License,·I·did·on·the·2nd·day·of·April·A.D.·1903,·at·**Yates·Center**·~~the·residence~~·of·**C.·M.·Mentzer**,·in·**said**·~~Woodson~~·County~~,·Kansas,~~·join·and·unite·in·Marriage·the·within·named·~~persons~~·**John·W·Williams·and·Clara·E·Mentzer**.¶

Witness·my·hand·and·seal·**this**·~~the~~·day·and·year·last·above·written.¶

C.·W.·~~M.~~·Bailey↵
Minister·of·**M·E·Church**·~~the·Gospel~~↵
Attest:·**~~A.~~·J.·A.·Gregory**·Probate·Judge¶

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Thus, this is a perfect example of why any machine generated transcriptions need to be proofread.

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 12, 2024
Nemaha County

U.S. Service News

Gehling Huber on Furlough

Gehling Huber, Seneca, is home on a nine-day leave. He joined the navy March 10; qualified for a naval trade school, and is rated now as an aviation machinist's mate trade schoolman. He is with the Great Lakes, Ill. Naval Training station, O.G. unit.

Raphael Roeder from Headquarters Co. Special Troops 35th Division, Camp Robinson, Ark., Private first class, is home on a visit.

Otis Millen, assistant Fiscal Accounting clerk at U.S. Naval Air station, San Pedro, Calif., was recently promoted to Head of Accounting Department under the new title, U.S. Naval Air station, Roosevelt Base, Terminal Island, California. Mr. and Mrs. Millen live at 1451 Redondo Ave., Long Beach, California.
Courier Tribune, 29 May 1941, page 4

U.S. Service News

Nemaha County to Furnish Four of Quota

Nemaha county's contingent of the Kansas quota of 931 men for selective military service, to report between June 10th and 30th, will be four men, the draft office announced yesterday.

In the order of their liability for service as now shown on the office records, the four men will be Belford Duryea and John Charles Baldwin, Seneca; John M. Christine, Sabetha; Samuel Aeschliman, who is now in California. Aeschliman may ask a transfer and report in California. There may be other changes in the above list but that is the way it stands now. The next three names on the board's list are those of Frank Callahan and Joseph Barrett, Wetmore, Raphael Dalsing, Seneca.
Courier Tribune, 5 Jun 1941, page 1

U.S. Service News

Get More Questionnaires

The Nemaha county draft board received 700 questionnaire forms Friday and has started to send them to registrants at the rate of 50 per day.

By a regulation which becomes effective May 31, registrants now have 10 days in which to return their questionnaire, filled. Time formerly was five days.
Courier Tribune, 9 Jun 1941, page 1

Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 13, 2024
Uncategorized

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Share something unexpected that you've found while researching an ancestor.

When I first read Randy's post, I couldn't think of anything unexpected or unforeseen in my genealogy research. Then I remembered my collaboration with Sandy Kuchenreuther.

Our partnership dates back to the days when email, mailing lists, message boards, RootsWeb, and GenWeb were the cutting-edge tools for genealogists, replacing the era of the Genealogy Helper and SASE (self-addressed stamped envelopes). These new resources quickly became invaluable to the genealogy community.

Though I don't recall exactly how Sandy and I connected, it was likely through a mailing list or message board. At the time, I was trying to link my second great-grandfather, Hiram M. Currey, to another Hiram M. Currey in Peoria, Illinois. That fragile connection was based on a birth record in a family Bible and the tick marks from the 1840 census. From there, I was working to connect the Hiram Currey of Peoria to Hiram M. Currey, the state treasurer of Ohio. A county biography mentioned two sons of the Ohio Currey—Thomas and Providence M. Currey—but made no reference to a son named Hiram.

That's when I shifted focus to researching Thomas M. Currey and his brother, Providence M. Currey. Over the years, Sandy and I exchanged countless emails and letters as we pieced together our Currey research. One of the valuable documents Sandy shared was a photocopy of James B. Currey's obituary. The obituary stated that James Currey had "come to Oregon in the fall of 1857" and was active in the "Republican party of Holt County." Confused by the reference to Holt County in Oregon, we exchanged several emails trying to locate it. Eventually, we realized the obituary was referring not to Oregon the state, but to the town of Oregon in Holt County, Missouri.

Curry mo.0067

Marcia, Nov. 29, 1995
I found this obit in an old scrapbook of newspaper clippings compiled by a great aunt (dau. of Elizabeth Curry Barrett).
Mystery: I cannot find any reference to a Holt County in Oregon & do not know more of City!

Attention, Comrades!

All members of Meyer Post, G. A. R., will assemble at Post Headquarters on Saturday afternoon at one o'clock, sharp, February 27th.

By order of Commander.

JACOB KING, Adjutant.

Obituary.

On Friday, February 19th, 1886, at 5 o'clock p. m., James B. Curry, at his residence in this city, passed quietly away, surrounded by his family and a few friends. It is with heartfelt sorrow that we record the death of this highly respected and much beloved citizen. Mr. Curry was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana, Montgomery county, March 10, 1824, and was the only son of Dr. Thomas Curry, a prominent physician of that place. He emigrated from there to Sioux City, Iowa, in 1856, and was one of the early settlers of that place, but the winter being so severe he left there and came to Oregon in the fall of 1857, where he resided until his death, which was caused from chronic asthma and Bright's disease—the former being contracted while in the service of his country.

He was married to Mary Philbrick, at Kokomo, Indiana, October 15, 1855. A wife, four sisters and five children survive him.

The subject of our sketch was no ordinary man from whatever point we regard him—whether in the family or out of it. He was a man of clear intellect, large heart and indomitable will—Possessing such qualities he turned to his family with a devotion that led him to cause every circumstance around him to bend to their welfare—although a constant sufferer for more than twenty years, no cup seemed too bitter for him to drink if he could thereby honorably promote the happiness of his family. He was, if possible, more than a true husband and a kind and loving parent.

He was a true patriot. In the heavy days of our Nation's trial he stood forth unflinchingly for the Union. There was no possibility of mistaking his position. He freely gave his service in defense of his country, and from this service originated the disease which caused his death.

The Republican party of Holt county has lost in his death a wise counsellor as well as a true friend. He will be much missed by all with whom he was associated. The bereaved family—the companion for many years of his trials, of his hopes and of his joys, widowed by this painful stroke of Providence—his children, loving and true, who were privileged to stand around his dying couch—have the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their trial.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, February 20, from the family residence, under the auspices of the Meyer Post, G. A. R., of which the deceased was a member—assisted by Rev W. B. Christy of the M. E. Church. The pallbearers were selected from members of the same company of which the deceased was a member—Co. F., 4th M. S. M. They who had shared with him all the hardships and trials of camp and field life, gently bore him to his last resting place. There we laid him, and as we laid him down on his lowly bed a devoted friend in his soul said "wise counsellor—true friend—faithful husband—loving father—brave comrade in war and peace, we lay you gently down on your bed of rest to gather strength and beauty for the coming of the Lord.

Curry mo.0067

Sadly, I lost contact with Sandy when my work responsibilities took over, and my genealogy research fell by the wayside. Although Sandy passed away in 2023, I still cherish the memory of our collaboration and the discoveries we made together.

Sandra Lee Kuchenreuther (1935-2023)

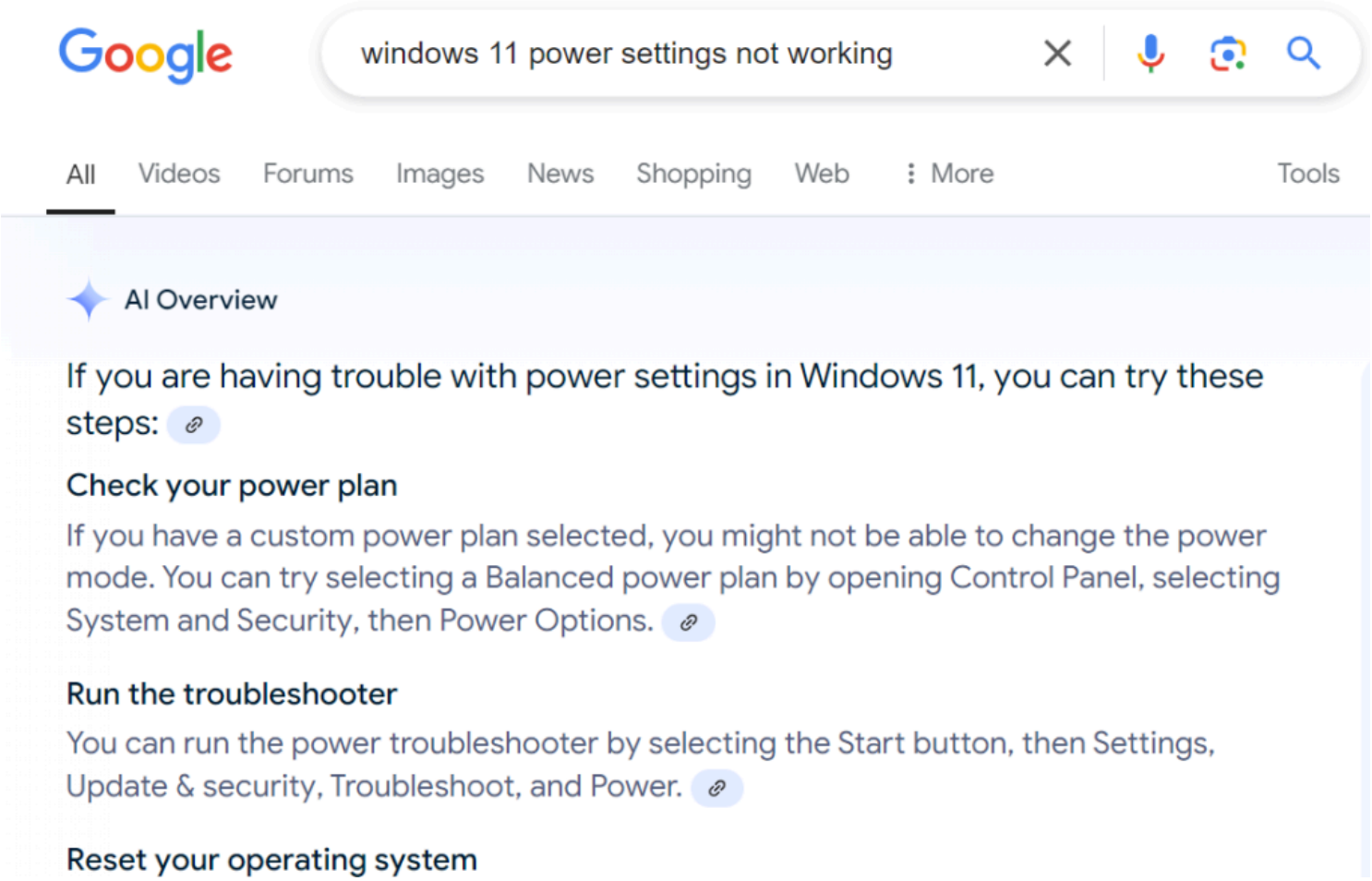
Power Settings

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 14, 2024
Technology

Have you ever experienced issues with your computer not going to sleep or failing to activate the screensaver? That's exactly what I dealt with for the past week!

It all started when I noticed my screens still lit in the middle of the night. I began troubleshooting, checking my power settings and even disabling cloud-based apps, but nothing seemed to work.

By Friday, I was ready to escalate my efforts with a clean boot. I meticulously documented the services I disabled and the startup apps I turned off. Yet, despite my efforts, the power settings still wouldn't function properly.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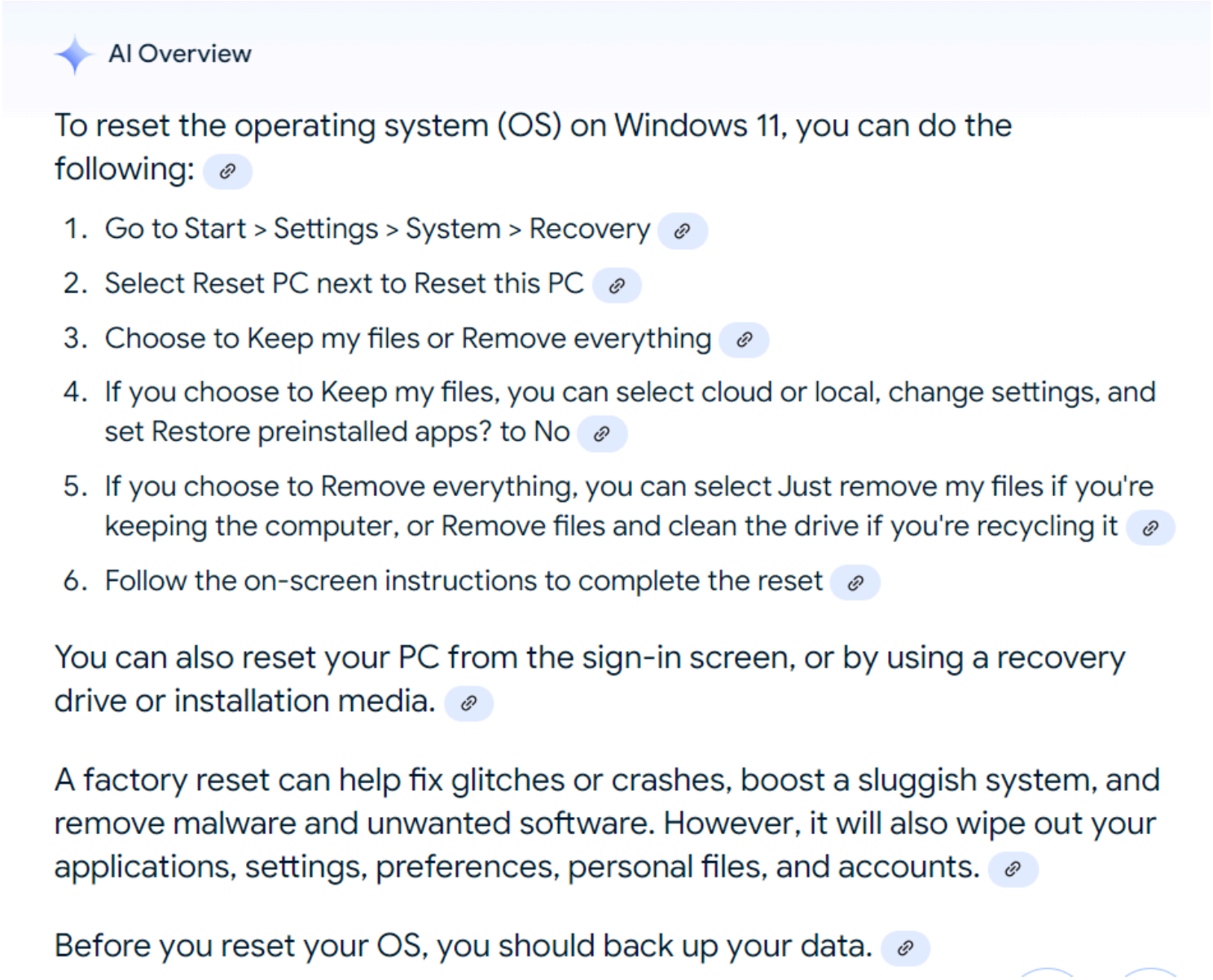
AI Overview
If you are having trouble with power settings in Windows 11, you can try these steps:
Check your power plan
If you have a custom power plan selected, you might not be able to change the power mode. You can try selecting a Balanced power plan by opening Control Panel, selecting System and Security, then Power Options.
Run the troubleshooter
You can run the power troubleshooter by selecting the Start button, then Settings, Update & security, Troubleshoot, and Power.
Reset your operating system

According to numerous sources, the next step was a system reset—something I was desperate to avoid!


AI Overview
To reset the operating system (OS) on Windows 11, you can do the following:
1. Go to Start > Settings > System > Recovery
2. Select Reset PC next to Reset this PC
3. Choose to Keep my files or Remove everything
4. If you choose to Keep my files, you can select cloud or local, change settings, and set Restore preinstalled apps? to No
5. If you choose to Remove everything, you can select Just remove my files if you're keeping the computer, or Remove files and clean the drive if you're recycling it
6. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the reset
You can also reset your PC from the sign-in screen, or by using a recovery drive or installation media.
A factory reset can help fix glitches or crashes, boost a sluggish system, and remove malware and unwanted software. However, it will also wipe out your applications, settings, preferences, personal files, and accounts.
Before you reset your OS, you should back up your data.

Determined to find another solution, I continued reading through forums and articles. One commenter mentioned discovering a second mouse across the room that was inadvertently preventing his computer from going to sleep. That comment stuck with me.

Realizing the hassle a reset would involve, I dug through my laptop bag and found my own mouse. To my surprise, it was still on! After turning it off and waiting a moment, my computer finally went to sleep.

A week of worry, research, and troubleshooting—all because a mouse was keeping my computer awake!

Purple Heart

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 15, 2024
Purple Heart,WWII

Harold Lee Allen

Harold Lee Allen was born on May 25, 1924, in Oneida, Kansas, to James and Edith Allen. He grew up in a small town and, like many young men of his generation, was called to serve his country during World War II. On March 10, 1943, at the age of 18, Harold enlisted in the U.S. Army, and his service during the war would become a defining chapter in his life.
Assigned to a tank crew, Harold saw action in the Italian theater, where he participated in the Allies' hard-fought campaign to push the Germans out of Italy. He was stationed south of Rome when, during a battle, he was severely wounded by German shrapnel. Harold was hit while standing beside his tank, a moment that would leave lasting physical and emotional scars. Despite his injuries, Harold was grateful for the life-saving interventions of blood plasma and penicillin, which he credited for his survival. Reflecting on the importance of blood donations, Harold was moved by the knowledge that civilians back home had contributed to saving the lives of soldiers like him on the battlefield.
The wounds Harold sustained were serious, and his recovery was slow. He was sent to Winter General Hospital in Topeka, Kansas, where he spent time healing from the injuries that had not fully healed when he returned home on furlough in November 1944. The physical shrapnel remained embedded in his body, and he expressed bitterness about the fierce enemy he had faced, particularly the German snipers. In one tragic moment, a lieutenant in a tank ahead of him had been killed by a sniper after sticking his head too far out of the tank. Harold's cold realism about the war and the enemy he fought underscored the gravity of the situation he had faced in combat.
Throughout his recovery, Harold remained connected to his family, who anxiously awaited news of his condition. His sister, Kathryn Allen, and the rest of the family received word of his serious injuries while he was still stationed in Italy, and the community extended their sympathy to the family.
After the war, Harold returned to Kansas and eventually moved to Washington State in 1951 with his wife, Ruth Louise Hoover, whom he married in 1950. Harold found steady employment at Rainier Bank, where he worked for 23 years before retiring in 1976. His post-war life was marked by his deep involvement in veterans' organizations, including the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, ElKdrif Temple, and the American Legion, reflecting his continued connection to his wartime experiences and his dedication to his fellow servicemen.
Harold passed away suddenly on August 19, 1991, at the age of 67, in Bothell, Washington. He was survived by his wife of 41 years, his daughters Patricia and Susan, and a large extended family. His legacy as a veteran, a husband, a father, and a community member is fondly remembered by those who knew him.

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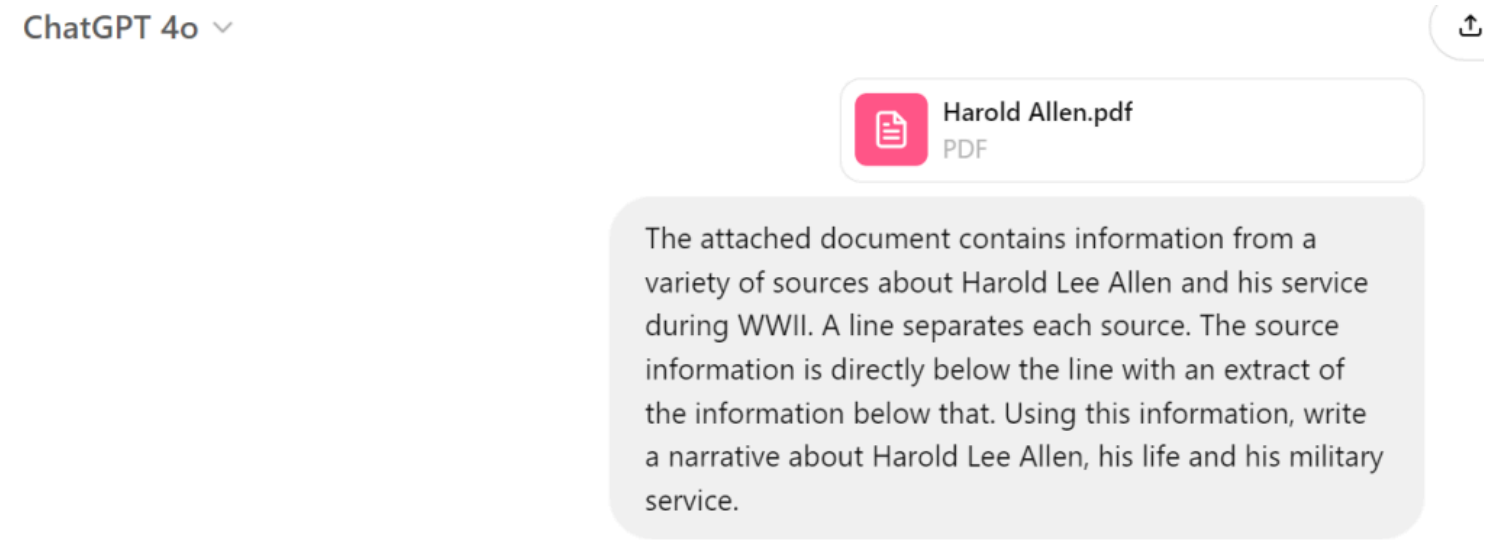

ChatGPT 4o
Harold Allen.pdf
PDF
The attached document contains information from a variety of sources about Harold Lee Allen and his service during WWII. A line separates each source. The source information is directly below the line with an extract of the information below that. Using this information, write a narrative about Harold Lee Allen, his life and his military service.

ChatGPT was then asked to list the sources and responded as follows:

Here is a list of the sources used in the narrative about Harold Lee Allen:

1. **US Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010**
    - Information on Harold's birth, death, and military service dates.
2. **US World War II Draft Cards, Young Men, 1940-1947**

- Details of Harold's registration for the draft, his personal information, and residence.

3. **Obituary of Harold Lee Allen, The Daily Herald (Everett, Washington), August 20, 1991, page 18**
   - Information on Harold's post-war life, his family, employment, and veteran activities.
4. **"Men in the Service," Sabetha Herald (Sabetha, KS), November 1, 1944, page 1**
   - Account of Harold's military service, injuries sustained in Italy, and his reflections on the war.
5. **"Oneida," The Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS), June 22, 1944, page 4**
   - A brief mention of Harold's injuries in Italy and the sympathy extended to his family.

These sources provide a comprehensive look at Harold Lee Allen's life, both during and after his military service.

Origins

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 16, 2024
DNA,Ethnicity

Do you have an Ancestry DNA test? If so, have you explored the updated Origins feature? Since much of my family tree is rooted in colonial ancestors, I've only identified a few of my immigrant forebears. This sparked my curiosity about their geographical origins, so I decided to dig deeper into the birthplaces of some of my family lines.

Using FamilySearch, I traced the birth locations of ancestors on my paternal line for each surname. When this information wasn't available, I turned to FamilySearch's "Find Your Last Name's Meaning and Origin" tool for insights.

Paternal

- Crawford — unknown but likely Scottish or English
- Smith – unknown but likely English or Scottish
- Foster – England
- Browning – unknown but likely English or Scottish
- Ostrander – Netherlands
- Forbes – Unknown but likely Scottish
- Hammond — England
- Hale – England
- Fisk – England
- Arnold – Unknown but likely English or German
- Ralston — from Ireland but likely Scottish
- Barr — unknown but likely Scottish or English
- McCormick — Scotland
- Hall – Ireland
- Currey — England
- Reagan – Unknown but likely Irish
- Harris — England
- Van Ausdal – Netherlands and/or Belgium
- Burke – Ireland
- Graves – Unknown but likely English
- Bland – England
- Anderson – Unknown but likely Scottish or Swedish
- Hutchinson — England
- Nettleton – Unknown but likely English
- Merry – Ireland
- Peabody – England
- Harding – Ireland
- Flewelling – England
- Fowler – unknown but likely English or Scottis

Maternal

- Briles – German
- Beckerdite – unknown but likely English
- Rush – England
- Clark – England
- Thompson – Unknown but likely English
- Iglehart – German
- Evans – Wales
- Garrett – Unknown but likely English
- Ricketts – England
- Story – England
- Reed – German
- Buckles – England
- Christy – Unknown but likely Scottish or English
- Dawson – Unknown but likely English or Scottis
- Gallimore – England
- Bentley – England

- Mentzer – Unknown but likely German or French
- Penniman – Unknown but likely English
- Miles – England
- Joslin- England
- Minnick – Germany
- Wells – England
- White – England
- Kennedy – unknown but likely Irish or Scottish
- Barnes – England
- Crandall – England
- Butler – unknown but likely English or Irish
- Nafus – Netherlands
- Carpenter – Unknown but likely England

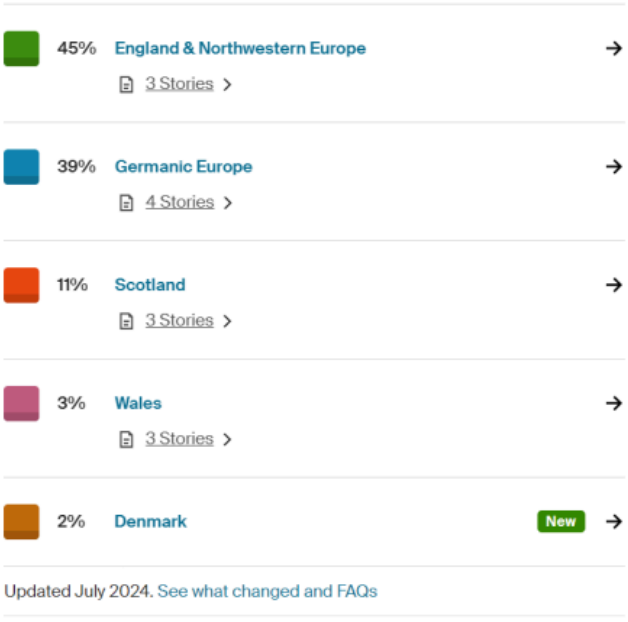
I then compiled the results into a spreadsheet, organizing them by geographic origin. The spreadsheet outlines the details of my four ancestral lines. Since I have DNA results for my mother as well, I was able to calculate a “maternal origin percentage” for her and a “total origin percentage” for myself and my brothers.

	Paternal Crawford	Paternal Currey	Maternal Briles	Maternal Mentzer	Maternal Total	Maternal %	Maternal Origin %	Total	Total %	Total Origin %
English	4	6	7	6	13	44.8%		23	39.7%	
Unknown but likely English		3	3	2	5	17.2%	62.1%	8	13.8%	53.4%
Unknown likely Scottish or English	4		2		2	6.9%		6	10.3%	
Scottish	1				0	0.0%		1	1.7%	
Unknown but likely Scottish	1				0	0.0%		1	1.7%	
Unknown but likely Scottish or Swedish		1		1	1	3.4%		2	3.4%	
from Ireland but likely Scottish	1				0	0.0%	10.3%	1	1.7%	19.0%
Unknown but likely Irish or Scottish				1	1	3.4%		1	1.7%	
Unknown but likely English or Irish				1	1	3.4%		1	1.7%	
Unknown but likely Irish		1			0	0.0%		1	1.7%	
Irish	1	3			0	0.0%	6.9%	4	6.9%	12.1%
Netherlands	1			1	1	3.4%		2	3.4%	
Netherlands and/or Belgium		1			0	0.0%	3.4%	1	1.7%	5.2%
Unknown but likely English or German	1				0	0.0%		1	1.7%	
Unknown but likely German or French				1	1	3.4%		1	1.7%	
German			3		3	10.3%	13.8%	3	5.2%	5.2%
Wales			1		1	3.4%	3.4%	1	1.7%	1.7%

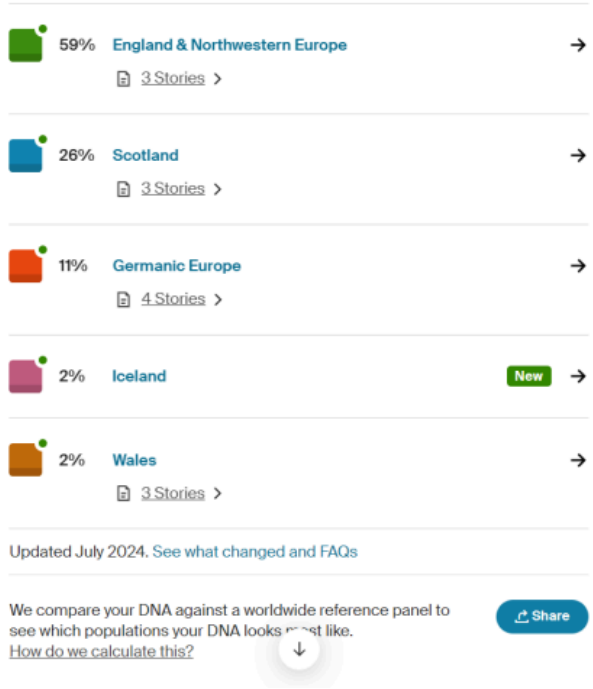
Below is a chart showing the Ancestry Origins for the 4 tests I control.

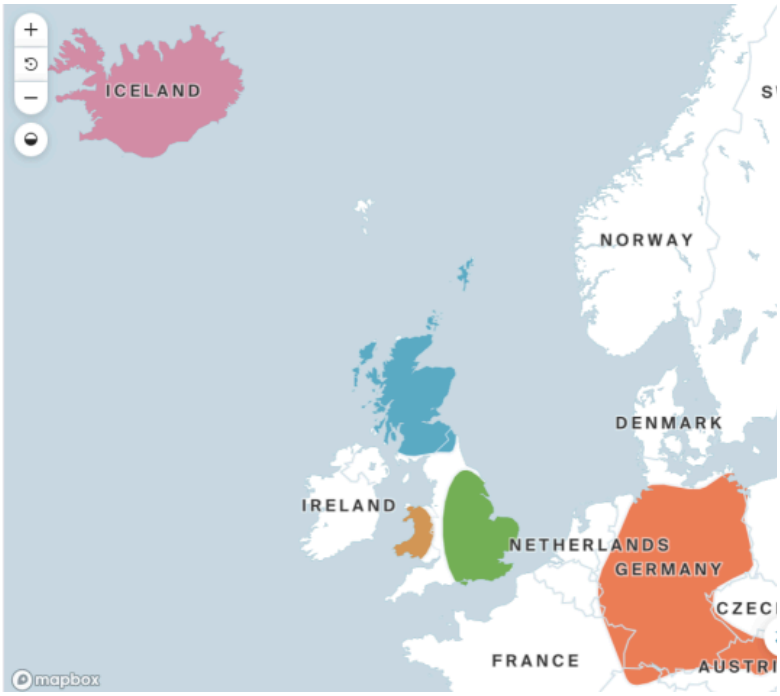
	Updates in October 2024			
Region	Mom	me	DC	Living T
England & NW Europe	65	45	59	63
Germanic Europe	10	39	11	12
Scotland	17	11	26	11
Wales		3	2	
Sweden & Denmark				
Sweden & Denmark				6
Denmark	4	2		3
Jewish				
Ireland				3
Norway				
Iceland	2			2
Netherlands	2		2	

Although many ancestral lines were not included in my “origins” analysis, the newly released Ancestral Origins feature closely aligns with the origins reflected in my family tree.



My Ancestral Origins





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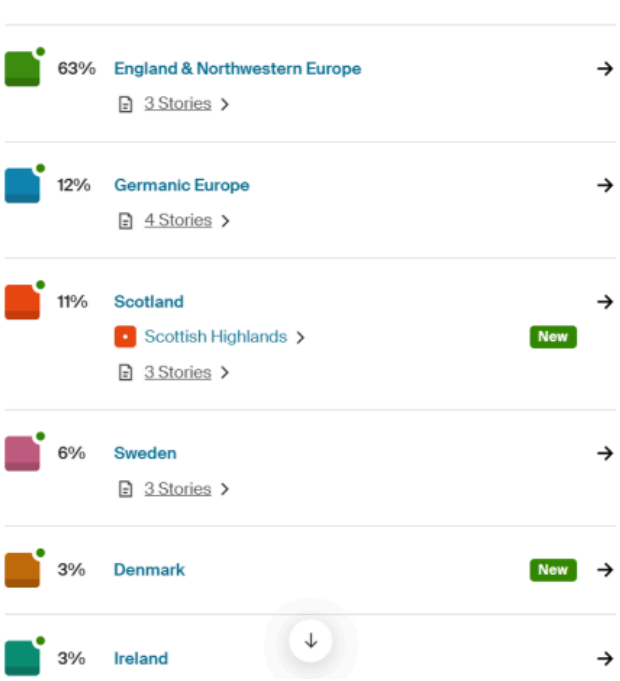

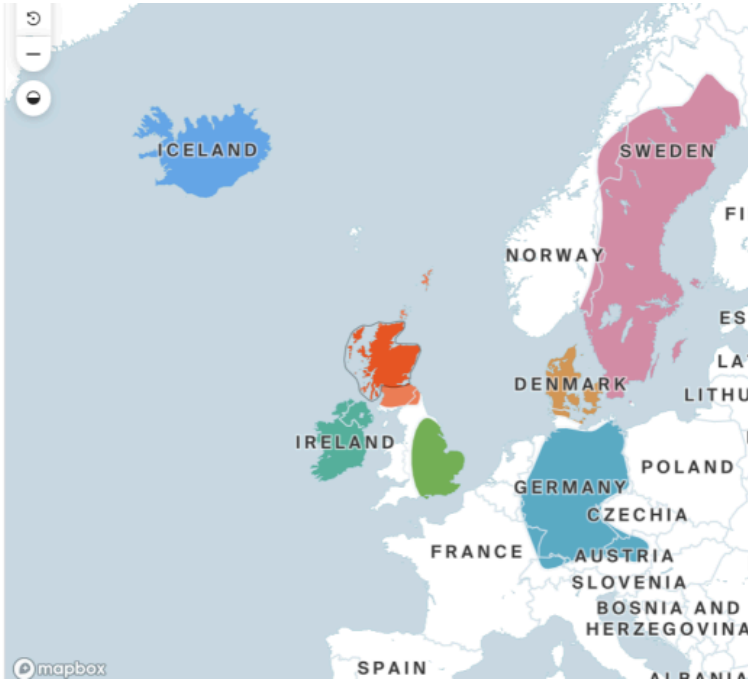

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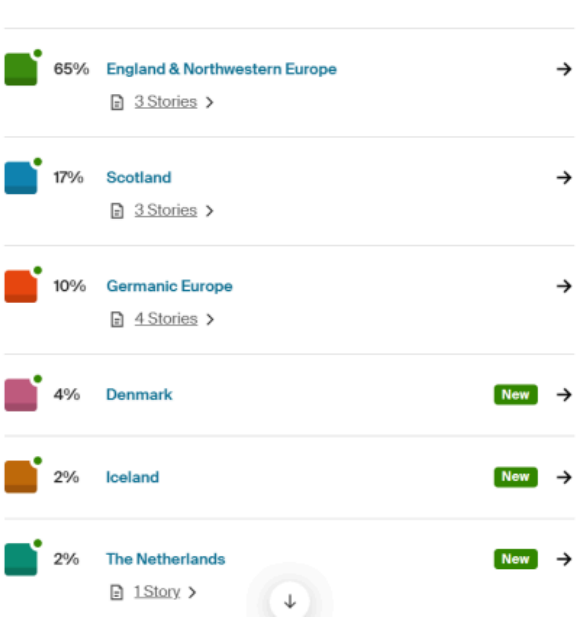

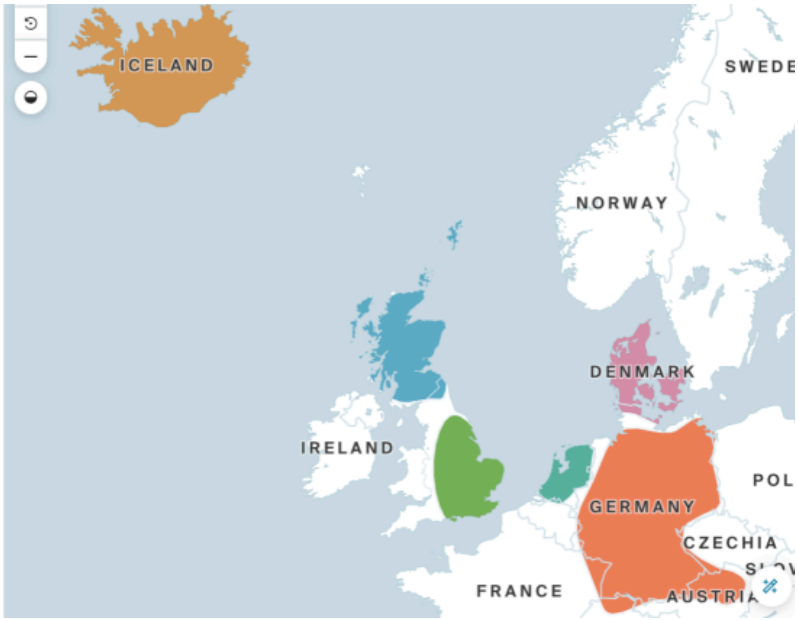

Mom's Ancestral Origins

Benjamin A. Duggins

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 17, 2024
Duggins,Ohio,Preble County

Benjamin A. Duggins was born in February 1819 in Ohio, where he spent much of his life. By 1843, Benjamin had settled in Washington Township, Preble County, Ohio, where he was listed on the local tax rolls. That same year, on March 12, he married Jane Hunter, marking the beginning of their life together in Preble County. The couple soon started a family, which would eventually include several children.

Throughout the 1840s and 1850s, Benjamin remained an active and prosperous farmer. He appeared on the tax rolls numerous times between 1843 and 1850, and in 1850, the U.S. census recorded him as a 31-year-old farmer residing in Gasper Township. His household included his wife Jane and their children: Sarah E., William H., Maria A., and John R. During these years, Benjamin began acquiring land, including an 84-acre plot in Preble County purchased in 1857 for $3,000 from family members William A. Duggins and Henry J. Duggins. His land transactions reflected both his growing wealth and his connection to his community and family.

By 1860, Benjamin was living in Gasper Township with an estate valued at $8,500 in real estate and $1,400 in personal property, substantial amounts for the time. His family continued to grow, and in 1862, his son Charles Fremont Duggins was born. As the Civil War intensified, Benjamin, at the age of 44, registered for the military draft in June 1863. He enlisted in Company E of the 156th Ohio Infantry on May 2, 1864, serving his country during a critical period in American history. He was mustered out of the military on September 1, 1864, after several months of service.

After his military service, Benjamin continued his farming and land dealings, including selling portions of his property in the 1870s. He and his family were recorded on the 1870 census, still residing in Preble County. As his children grew, Benjamin continued to prosper, eventually selling land for $5,250 in 1878.

In 1890, Benjamin was awarded an invalid pension for his Civil War service, demonstrating his continued connection to the military community. By the turn of the century, he had moved to Geneva Township in Van Buren County, Michigan, and also spent time at the National Home for Disabled Veteran Soldiers in Dayton, Ohio, in 1902. His later years were marked by moves between Ohio and Michigan, yet his roots remained in Preble County, Ohio, where he had spent much of his life.

Benjamin Duggins passed away on March 28, 1906, at the age of 87. His death was noted in local papers, recognizing him as a well-known farmer of Preble County. The funeral was held at the Christian church, with services conducted by Rev. H. A. Smith and under the auspices of the Eaton lodge of Odd Fellows and the Mulharen-O'Cain Post of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.). Benjamin was buried at Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Preble County, Ohio, leaving behind a legacy of service to his family, community, and country.

Jane Hunter Duggins

Jane Hunter was born around 1821 in Ohio, where she would spend her entire life. Little is known about her early years, but by 1843, she married Benjamin A. Duggins in Preble County, Ohio, and they began their family together.

In the 1850 U.S. Census, Jane was listed as a 29-year-old living in Gasper Township, Preble County, Ohio, with her husband, Benjamin, and their young children, Sarah, William, Maria, and infant John. As a farmer's wife in the mid-19th century, Jane's life would have been filled with the responsibilities of managing her household and raising her children while supporting her husband's farming endeavors.

Throughout the next few decades, Jane and Benjamin continued to live in Preble County, and their family grew further. By 1860, Jane, then 39 years old, was still in Gasper Township, with her husband and six children. The family welcomed another child, Charles Fremont Duggins, in 1862, further expanding the household.

The 1870 census recorded Jane at 49 years old, continuing her life as a dedicated wife and mother in Preble County. By this time, her older children were entering adulthood, and Jane, alongside Benjamin, remained at the heart of their family farm. In the 1880 census, at 59 years of age, Jane was still living in Preble County with Benjamin, reflecting her long-standing role in the family and community.

Jane Hunter Duggins passed away on March 22, 1900, at the age of 79, having lived a life deeply rooted in Preble County, Ohio. She was buried at Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Preble County, Ohio, where she was laid to rest alongside her husband, Benjamin, and other members of her family. Jane's life was marked by her steadfast dedication to her family and her home, remaining a central figure in the Duggins household throughout her years.

Children of Benjamin and Jane Duggins:

- Sarah E. Duggins
- William H. Dugigns
- Maria C. Duggins
- John R. Duggins
- Emma Duggins
- Benjamin Duggins
- Sallie Duggins
- Charles Fremont Duggins

The above narratives were written by ChatGPT when fed the information from the following RootsMagic Narrative report for Benjamin Duggins

Benjamin Duggins

Benjamin A. Duggins was born in Feb 1819 in Ohio.[1–3]
He was listed on the tax rolls between 1843 and 1845 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States.[4]
Benjamin A. Duggins and Jane Hunter were married on 12 Mar 1843 in Preble County, Ohio.[24–28]
He was listed on the tax rolls in 1847 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States.[4]
Benjamin was listed on the tax rolls between 1849 and 1850 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States.[5]
He lived at Gasper Twp. in Gasper Township, Preble County, Ohio on 3 Aug 1850.[6] Benjamin Duggins is listed as a 31 year old farmer who was born in Ohio on the 1850 census. Also included in his household are Jane, aged 29; Sarah E, aged 6; William H, aged 4; Maria A, aged 3 and John R aged 3 months.
He purchased land being 84 66/100 acres in N part SE 1/4 and S pt NE 1/4 S17T7R2 from William A. Duggins and Sally his wife for $3000 on 10 Mar 1857 in Preble County, Ohio.[7]
Benjamin purchased land being 84 66/100 acres in N part SE 1/4 and S part NE 1/4 S17T7R2 from Henry J. Duggins for $3380 on 11 Jun 1857 in Preble County, Ohio.[8]
He lived in Gasper Township, Preble County, Ohio on 1 Jul 1860.[9] Benjamin Duggins was listed as a 40 year old farmer born Ohio with $8500 in real estate and $1400 in personal property on the 1860 census. Also in the household was Jane, age 39; Sarah, aged 16; William, age 15; Maria, aged 1; Emma, aged 6, Benjamin, aged 4 and Sallie, aged 3.
He was the father of Charles Fremont Duggins who was born on 30 Mar 1862 in Preble County, Ohio.[2,10]
Benjamin registered for the military draft in Jun 1863 in Preble, Ohio, United States.[11]
He enlisted in the Company E of the 156th Ohio Infantry on 2 May 1864 in Ohio.[12]
He was mustered into Co. E 156th Ohio Infantry on 15 May 1864.[3,12–14]
Benjamin was mustered out of the military on 1 Sep 1864 at Camp Dennison in Ohio.[12]
He was order to pay a penalty from selling land prior to date in a legal notice on 9 Jan 1865 in Preble, Ohio, United States.[15]
He lived in Preble County, Ohio on 1 Jul 1870.[16] Benjamin Duggins was listed as a 50 year old male farmer born Ohioon the 1870 census; Also listed in the household was Jane, aged 49, emma E,age 15; Sally A, aged 12 and Fremont, aged 8.
Benjamin sold land being the north part of the NE quarter of section 17 in Township 7 of Range 2 East containing 84.65 acres to Alex F. Hume and Thomas Moore for $5250 on 27 Aug 1878 in Preble County, Ohio.[17]
He lived in Preble County, Ohio on 1 Jul 1880.[18–19] Benj Duggins is listed as a 60 year old farmer on the 1900 census. Also listed in the household is Jane, aged 59 and Charles F aged 18.
He received an invalid pension for his service in the Ohio Infantry during the civil war on 12 Mar 1890 in Ohio.[20]
Benjamin lived in Butler Township, Mercer County, Ohio in 1890.[21]
He lived in Geneva Township, Van Buren County, Michigan in 1900.[2]
He lived in a National home for disabled veteran soldiers in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio in 1902.[14]
Benjamin died on 28 Mar 1906 at the age of 87 in Eaton, Preble County, Ohio.[1,3,13,22–23]

PREBLE COUNTY FARMER DEAD
[Special to The Item.]
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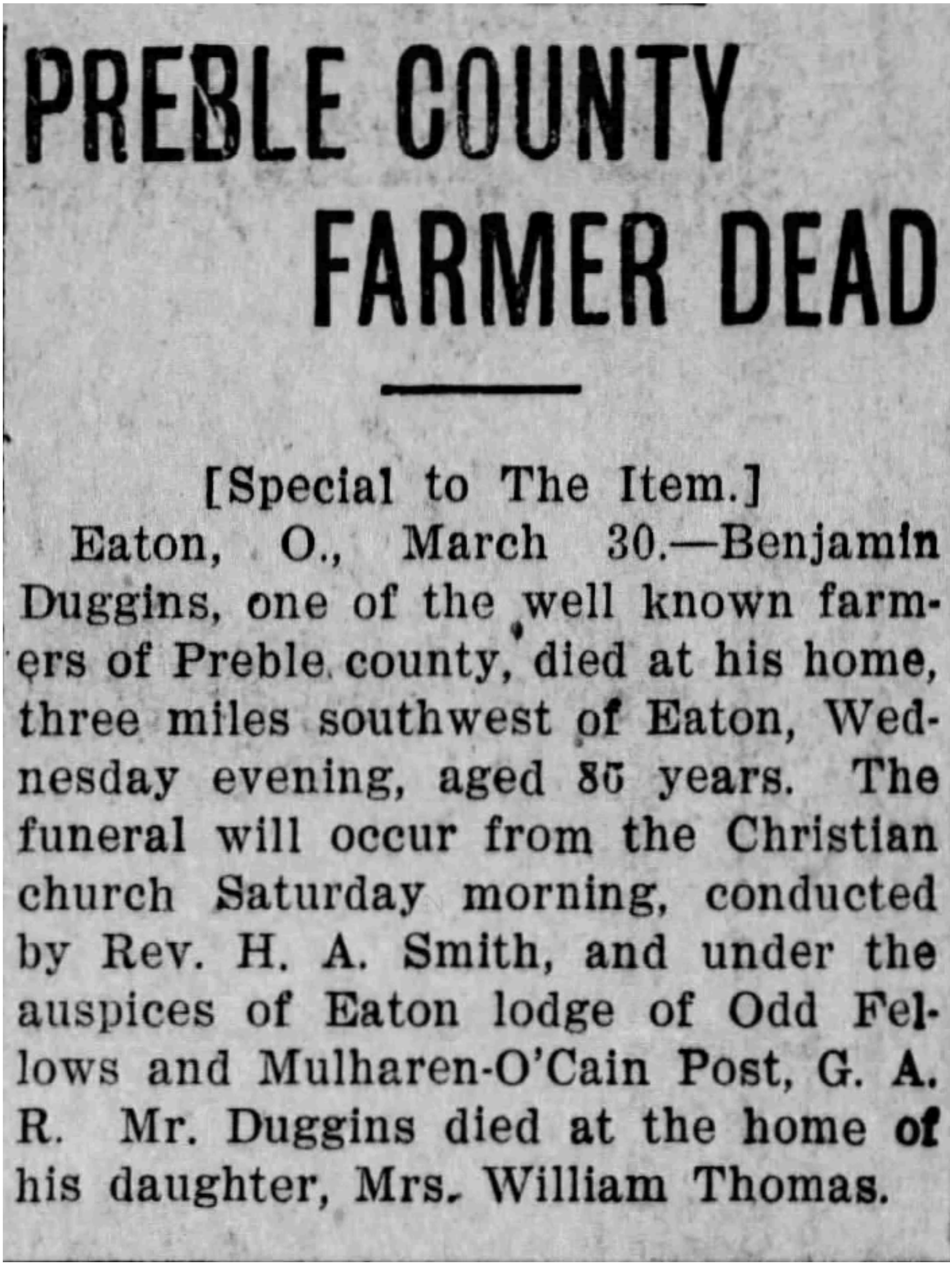
He was buried in 1906 at Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Preble County, Ohio.[1,3]**Jane Hunter** was born about 1821 in Ohio.[1]



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Jane died on 22 Mar 1900 at the age of 79 in Preble County, Ohio.[1,22]

She was buried at Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Preble County, Ohio.[1]

ENDNOTES:

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Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 18, 2024
Mentzer

Today's find is the marriage record for Philip E. Mentzer and Anna M. Schoepflin. *(ChatGPT was used to transcribe this record.)*

MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD
(Combs Printing Co., St. Joseph, Mo.)

THE STATE OF KANSAS,
WOODSON COUNTY, ss.
In the Probate Court in and for Said County and State.

MARRIAGE AFFIDAVIT.

Philip E. Mentzer hereby applies for a **Marriage License** addressed to any minister or magistrate authorized by law to unite in matrimony **Philip E. Mentzer** and **Anna M. Schoefflin**, and being duly sworn, deposes:

That said **Philip E. Mentzer** is aged **28** years, and that said **Anna M. Schoefflin** is aged **26** years; that they have their parents' consent to said union, and that neither has been divorced within six months last past.

That said contracting parties are not related to each other in any of the degrees prohibited by law, namely: Parent and child, grandparent and grandchild in any degree, brother and sister of the whole or the half blood, uncle or niece, aunt or nephew, nor first cousins.

That neither of said parties is or has ever been epileptic, imbecile, feeble-minded, or insane; or, if either is or has been so afflicted, then that is more than forty-five years of age.

And that neither party was born subsequent to the insanity of either of his or her parents, or if so, that the woman about to be married is more than forty-five years of age.

Philip E. Mentzer
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in Yates Center, in said County and State, this **23rd day of October A.D. 1905**.

(Signed) **Frank Jackson**, Probate Judge
(SEAL)

STATE OF KANSAS,
County of Woodson, ss.

Office of Probate Judge of Said County.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the **23rd day of October A.D. 1905**, there was issued from the office of said Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy:

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Woodson County, State of Kansas, **October 23rd A.D. 1905**.
No. **96**.
To any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage **Philip E. Mentzer** of **Yates Center**, aged **28 years**, and **Anna M. Schoefflin** of **Yates Center**, aged **26 years**, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

(Signed) **J. A. Gregory**, Probate Judge.
(SEAL)

And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to wit, on the **25th day of October A.D. 1905**, returned to said Probate Judge, with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to wit:

State of Kansas, County of Woodson, ss.
I, **C. H. Bailey**, do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the **25th day of October A.D. 1905**, at **Yates Center**, in said County, join and unite in Marriage the within named **Philip E. Mentzer** and **Miss Anna M. Schoefflin**.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal this **25th day of October A.D. 1905**.
(Signed) **C. H. Bailey**, Minister
Attest: **J. A. Gregory**, Probate Judge.

MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

Combe Printing Co., St. Joseph, Mo.

THE STATE OF KANSAS } ss. *In the Probate Court in and for Said County and State.*
WOODSON COUNTY }

MARRIAGE AFFIDAVIT.

Philip E. Mentzer hereby applies for a Marriage License addressed to any minister or magistrate authorized by law to unite in matrimony Philip E. Mentzer and Anna M. Schoepflin and being duly sworn, deposes:

That said Philip E. Mentzer is 28 years of age, and that said Anna M. Schoepflin is aged 26 years; that they have their parents' consent to said union, and that neither has been divorced within six months last past.

That said contracting parties are not related to each other in any of the degrees prohibited by law, namely: Parent and child, grandparent and grandchild in any degree, brother and sister of the whole or the half blood, uncle or niece, aunt or nephew, nor first cousins.

That neither of said parties is or has ever been epileptic, imbecile, feeble minded or insane; or, if either is or has been so afflicted, then that is more than forty-five years of age.

And that neither party was born subsequent to the insanity of either of his or her parents, or if so, that the woman about to be married is more than forty-five years of age.

Philip E. Mentzer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in Yates Center, in said County and State, this 23 day of Oct A. D. 1905.

[SEAL]

Fred Jackson ~~Probate Judge.~~ County Clerk

STATE OF KANSAS } *Office of Probate Judge of Said County.*
COUNTY OF WOODSON }

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the 23 day of October A. D. 1905, there was issued from the office of said Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy:

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

No. 80

Woodson County, State of Kansas, October 23 A. D. 1905.

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in marriage Philip E Mentzer of Yates Center aged 28 years, and Anna M. Schoepflin of Yates Center aged 26 years, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

[SEAL] J. A. Gregory Probate Judge.

And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to wit, on the 2nd day of November A. D 1905 returned to said Probate Judge, with the following certificate endorsed thereon, to wit:

State of Kansas, County of Woodson, ss.

I, C. H. Bailey do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the 25 day of October A. D. 1905, at Yates Center in said County, join and unite in Marriage the within named Philip E. Mentzer and Miss Anna M. Schoepflin

WITNESS MY HAND and seal this day and year above written.

C. H. Bailey.
Minister.

Attest: J. A. Gregory Probate Judge.

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 19, 2024
Nemaha County

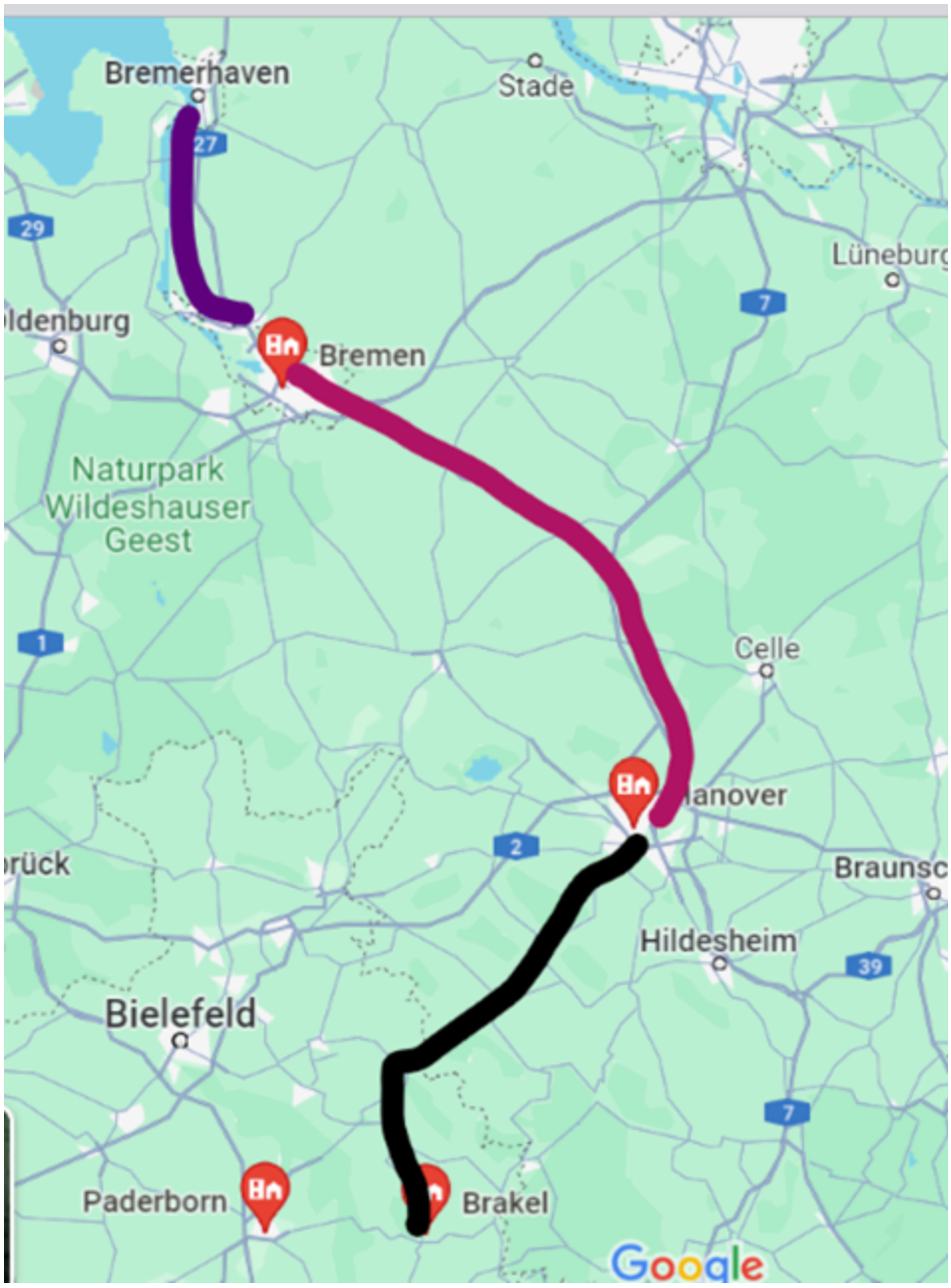
As part of Seneca's Oktoberfest celebration, I contributed to creating displays that showcased the stories of German immigrants who settled in Nemaha County, Kansas. One of these displays focused on the immigration journey of Andrew Reineke, chosen because of a family-shared reunion photo featuring the wagon he used during his travels from St. Louis to Nemaha County.

According to family records, Andrew Joseph Reineke, christened Johann Andreas Reineke, was born in 1840 and baptized in Brakel's Catholic Church. In 1867, he set sail from Bremen to New York aboard the ship *Helene*. After settling in St. Louis, Andrew became friends with Josef and Anton Mueller. In 1870, the three men—Andrew and the Mueller brothers—relocated to Seneca, Kansas.

To gather more details about Andrew's journey from Brakel to Seneca, I used Perplexity.ai to research the various stages of his trek. ChatGPT was then utilized to compile and organize that information into the following narrative.

Brakel to Hannover

- *Likely by stage, wagon or on foot*
- 90 to 100 kilometers (55-62 miles)
- Taking 11 to 12.5 hours plus rest stops for horses
- Cost 1-2 groschen per mile or 65 to 130 groshen which converts to 2 to 4 thalers [$60 to $200 in 2024 dollars]
- Prussian thaler was currency used before introduction of German gold mark in 1871



Hannover to Bremen

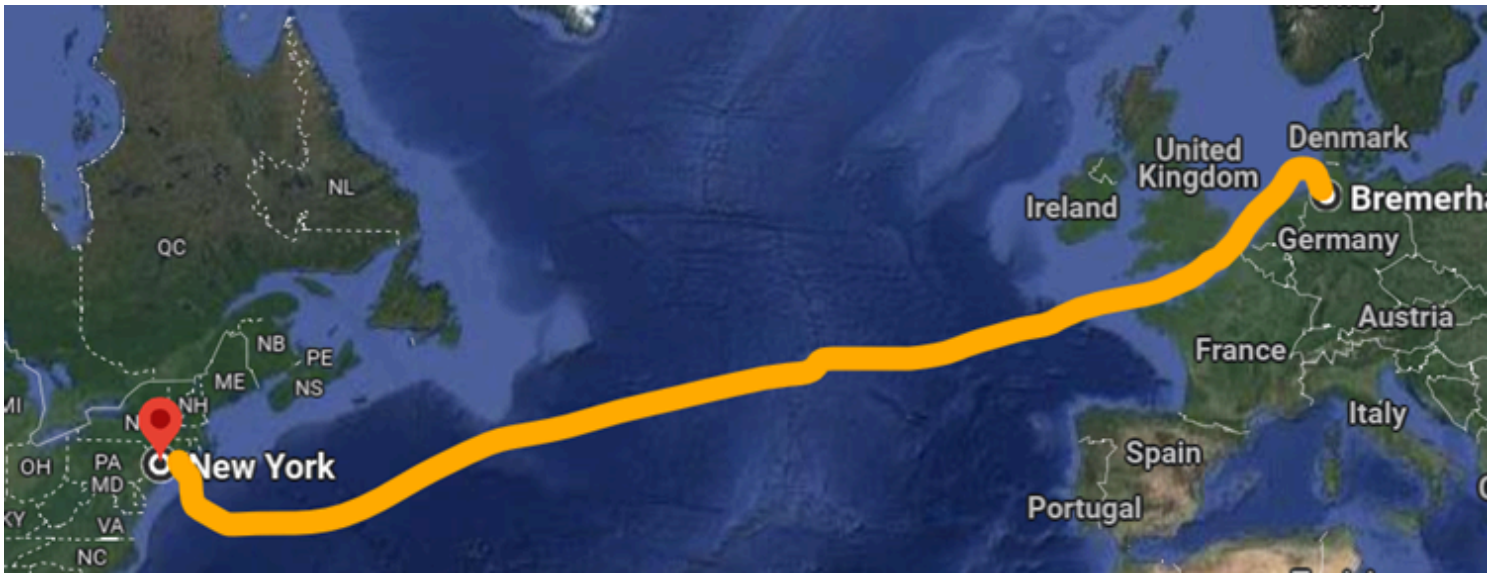
- *Likely by train*
- 120 kilometers (75 miles)
- Train speed of 30 to 40 km/h would require 3 to 4 hours
- Third class tickets ranged from 0.5 to 1 groschen per kilometer
- For 120 kilometer journey : Third class fare of 2 to 4 thalers

Lodging

Basic Boarding house cost—0.5 to 1 thaler per night

Bremen to Bremerhaven

- *Commonly by riverboat*
- 4 to 6 hours
- 0.5 to 1 thaler per person ($30 to $50 in 2024 US dollars)



According to family records, 27-year-old Andreas Reineke arrived in New York aboard the ship *Helene* on September 23, 1867. The passenger list for the *Helene* confirms the presence of a 27-year-old male named Andreas Reineke, whose listed occupation was mason.

Research conducted through Perplexity offers additional insights into steamship travel during that era.

Travel on Steamship

Steerage Class (Third Class)

- **Cost**: The most economical option, typically used by emigrants, was steerage class. The fare for steerage from Bremen to New York in 1868 was generally between **20 to 40 thalers**.
- **Accommodations**: Steerage class provided basic accommodations with minimal privacy, and passengers were often responsible for bringing their own food or purchasing it onboard

From New York, Andrew likely traveled by train to St. Louis.

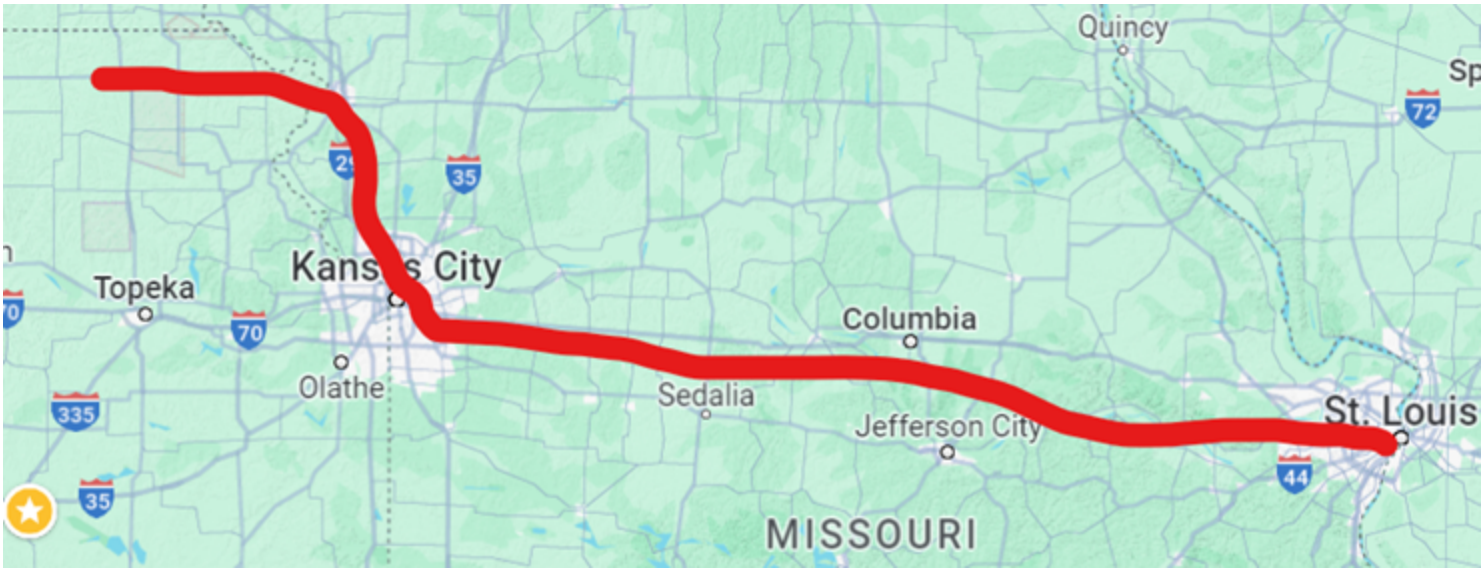
Rail from New York City to St. Louis area in 1869

Third Class

- 1 to 2 cents per mile or $10 to $22
- Very Basic Accommodations
- Wooden seats
- Unheated cars

In 1869, the rail journey from New York to St. Louis would have taken approximately **2 to 3 days** (about **33 to 55 hours**), depending on the speed of the train, the number of stops, and any delays encountered along the way. While direct trains may have existed, it's likely that passengers would have needed to make at least one transfer, potentially extending the travel time further.

When Andrew and the Mueller brothers embarked on their journey from St. Louis to Kansas, they needed to purchase a wagon and team for the trip. Using Perplexity.ai, I researched the costs associated with this leg of Andrew's journey.



Costs for a Wagon and Team in 1869:

Wagon:

- **Basic Farm Wagon or Prairie Schooner**: A typical farm wagon or prairie schooner (commonly used for westward migration) could cost between **$75 to $150**.
- **Higher-Quality or Custom Wagons**: More durable or specialized wagons could cost **$150 to $250** or more, depending on construction, size, and custom features.

Team of Horses or Oxen:

- **Horses**: A team of two horses might cost between **$100 to $300** depending on the breed, age, and condition of the horses.
- **Oxen**: Oxen were often used for heavier loads and were generally less expensive than horses. A pair of oxen could cost around **$50 to $150**.

Additional Costs:

- **Harness and Equipment**: Harnesses, yokes, and other necessary equipment might add another **$25 to $50** to the total cost.
- **Supplies**: If the purchaser was preparing for a long journey, they might also need to buy supplies (e.g., food, tools, spare parts), which could add several more dollars to the overall expense.

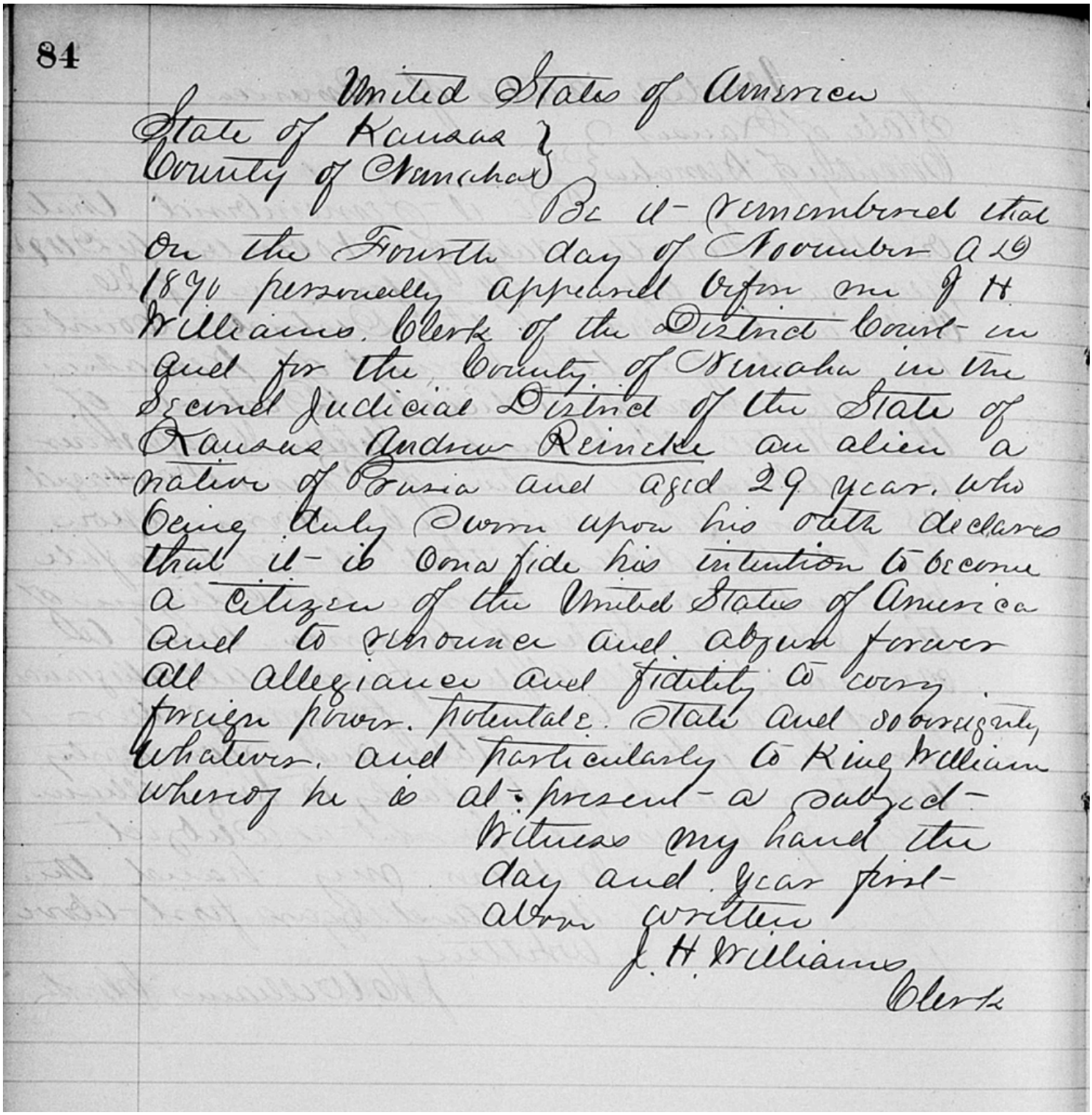
Traveling by wagon from St. Louis, Missouri, to Seneca, Kansas, in 1869 would have been a challenging journey, covering roughly 300 to 350 miles.

Estimated Travel Time:

- **Average Daily Distance**: A typical wagon could travel about 10 to 20 miles per day. This rate accounts for the need to rest the animals, set up and break down camp, and navigate difficult terrain.

- **Total Distance**: The distance between St. Louis and Seneca is approximately 300 to 350 miles.
- Calculation: **At 10 miles per day**: The journey would take about **30 to 35 days**.

On Nov. 4, 1870, Andrew Reineke declared his intention to be naturalized.



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United States of America
State of Kansas }
County of Nemaha }

Be it remembered that on the Fourth day of November A.D. 1870 personally appeared before me J. H. Williams, Clerk of the District Court in and for the County of Nemaha in the Second Judicial District of the State of Kansas Andrew Reineke an alien a native of Prussia and aged 29 year. who being duly sworn upon his oath declares that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States of America and to renounce and abjure forever all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign power, potentate, State and sovereignty whatever, and particularly to King William whereof he is at present a subject.

Witness my hand the day and year first above written

J. H. Williams
Clerk

On 11 Sep 1890, Andrew Reineke was admitted as a citizen of the United States.

"United States of America".

State of Kansas, }
Nemaha County, } ss

Be it Remembered, That on the 11th day of September A D 1890 at the September Term A.D. 1890 of the District Court within and for the County of Nemaha, in the Twenty-Second Judicial District of the State of Kansas, comes Andrew Reineke and makes application in open Court for admission to citizenship of the United States, and proves to the satisfaction of the Court, by two witnesses, that he has resided in the United States for more than five years last past, and within the State of Kansas for more than one year last past, and during that time he has behaved himself as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same, and also proved that he had made his declaration to become a citizen of the United States more than two years before his application; and said Andrew Reineke did also declare on oath that he would support the Constitution of the United States, and that he did entirely and absolutely renounce and abjure forever all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Power, Prince, Potentate, State and Sovereignty whatever and particularly to Emperor of Germany, whereof he has heretofore been a subject, whereupon said Andrew Reineke

was admitted as a citizen of the United States,

Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 20, 2024
SaturdayNightGenealogyFun

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Which ancestor of yours married the most times?

To figure this out in RootsMagic, I simply scanned thru my 4th great grandparents looking for multiple marriages. Based on that search, my second great grandfather, Richmond FIsk Hammond was married the most at 3 times.

2nd Greats

- **Richmond Hammond: Sarah Ralston / Mary McClure / Mary Grim**
- Albert Hutchinson: Julia Harding / Honore Eliza Van Valkenburg
- Sarah Thompson: Noah Briles / J. D. Davis
- Thurston Wells: Sarah Hall / Salome Crandall

3rd Greats

- Zebulon Foster: Caroline Ostrander / Juliet Fleming
- William G Harding: Elizabeth Fowler / Eliza Henderson
- Alexander Briles" Sarah Rush / Elizbeth Ellsworth
- Lewis Crandall: Almira Nafus / Anna Tuttle

4th Greats

- Sarah Smith: Alexander Duggins / James Crawford
- Edward Ostrander: Margaret Forbes / Margery Sharp
- James McCormick / unknown / Sarah Hall
- Hiram Currey: Sarah Reagan / Elizabeth
- John Burke: Ann Elizabeth Graves / Jane Basham
- Whiting Merry: Elizabeth Peabody / Rosina Biglow / Sarah Frost
- John Briles: Namcy Beckerdite / Rachel Beckerdite
- Mary Buckles: John Rogers / John Reed

Thanks to Randy's post, I was able to locate the Family Statistics on My Heritage. Since my RootsMagic file contains several family lines in addition to my own, the statistics reflect that file and not just my tree. The two individuals 'married the most' are not my ancestors but spouses of siblings of an ancestor.

Number of marriages

13,837 people who married

Average

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Males Females

6,485	Married once	6,573
361	Married twice	329
50	Married 3 times	34
1	Married 4+ times	4

Married the most

13,837 people who married

Male

Married 4 times

Dr. Daniel DeVinney Rose

Relative

Married: Celia Carrie Crawford

Female

Married 6 times

Honore Eliza Nolen (born Van Valkenberg)

Great-great-grandfather's wife

Married: Osceola Phay

Henry Duggins

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 21, 2024
Duggins,Illinois,Peoria County,Preble County

Henry J. Duggins was born on December 6, 1821, in Preble County, Ohio. He spent his early years in Ohio, being listed on the tax rolls in Washington Township between 1848 and 1850. By 1850, he lived in Washington Township, in the household of William A. Duggins. On February 6, 1851, Henry married Mildred Patterson in Indiana. Together, they embarked on a life centered around family and farming.

Mildred Patterson was born on September 3, 1830, in Lexington, Virginia. She and Henry began their married life in Ohio, and soon welcomed their first child, Alice Amanda Duggins, born on November 10, 1851. In 1855, the family moved to Elmwood, Peoria County, Illinois, where their second child, Mary C. Duggins, was born on December 10, 1855.

Henry was a farmer and purchased land in Ohio before eventually selling it in 1857 and moving permanently to Illinois. By 1860, the family had settled in Elmwood, Peoria County, Illinois, where their son, William Henry Duggins, was born on January 17, 1869.

Henry worked as a farmer for most of his life, and the family appeared in several census records, with Henry often listed as a farmer or retired farmer. He lived a long life and passed away on September 21, 1901, at the age of 79. He was buried at the Elmwood Township Cemetery in Elmwood, Illinois.

Mildred continued to live in Elmwood, Peoria County, Illinois, well into her later years. She appeared in census records through 1920 and passed away on February 22, 1922, at the remarkable age of 91. She was buried beside her husband in Elmwood Township Cemetery.

Children of Henry and Mildred Duggins

1. **Alice Amanda Duggins** (b. November 10, 1851 – d. March 10, 1924)
    - Spouse: James Orrin Aby (m. September 19, 1877)
2. **Mary C. Duggins** (b. December 10, 1855 – d. August 12, 1947)
    - Spouse: Jasper Howard (m. October 27, 1880)
3. **William Henry Duggins** (b. January 17, 1869 – d. March 13, 1943)
    - Spouse: Adelia Cora Wakefield (m. July 4, 1885)

The above narrative was written by ChatGPT using the RootsMagic narrative report for Henry J Duggins. Below is the RootsMagic report complete with the sources.

Henry J. Duggins was born on 6 Dec 1821 in Preble County, Ohio.[1–2]

He was listed on the tax rolls between 1848 and 1850 in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States.[3]

He lived in Washington Township, Preble, Ohio, United States on 29 Jul 1850.[4] Henry Duggins was listed as a 28 year old white male born Ohio on the 1850 census in the houshold of Wm a. Duggins.

Henry was the father of Alice Amanda Duggins who was born on 10 Nov 1851 in Preble County, Ohio.[5–6]

He was the father of Mary C Duggins who was born on 10 Dec 1855 in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States.[7–9]

He purchased land being 84 66/100 acres in N part SE 1/4 and S part NE 1/4 S17T7R2 from William A. Duggins and his wife Sally on 10 Mar 1857 in Preble County, Ohio.[10]

Henry sold land land being 84 66/100 acres in N part SE 1/4 and S pt NE 1/4 S17T7R2 to Benjamin A. Duggins for $3380 on 11 Jun 1857 in Preble County, Ohio.[11] land being 84 66/100 acres in N part SE 1/4 and S pt NE 1/4 S17T7R2 to Benjamin A. Duggins for $3380

He lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1860.[12–13] Henry Duggins is listed as a 39 year old male on the 1860 census. Also listed in the household is Mildred, Alice, Mary, and Henry.

He was the father of William Henry Duggins who was born on 17 Jan 1869 in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States.[14]

Henry lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1870.[15] H. J. Duggins is listed as a 48 year old farmer on the 1870 census. Also listed in the household is his 39 year old wife, Mildred; 18 year old female, Alice; 14 year old female Mary S and 10 year old male William.

He lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1880.[16] Henry Duggins is listed as a 59 year old retired farmer on the 1880 census. Also listed in the household is his 48 year old wife, Mildred; 24 year old daughter, Mary; and 20 year old son, William.

He lived in Elmwood Township, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1900.[17] Henry Duggins was lised as a 78 year old male born December 1821 in Kentucky on the 1900 census. Also in the household was his wife Mildred and daughter Mary Howard.

Henry died on 21 Sep 1901 at the age of 79 in Illinois.[1]

He was buried at Elmwood Township Cemetery in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States.[1]

Henry J. Duggins and Mildred Patterson were married on 6 Feb 1851 in Indiana, United States.[18–21]

Mildred Patterson was born on 3 Sep 1830 in Lexington, Virginia, United States.[22]

She was the mother of Alice Amanda Duggins who was born on 10 Nov 1851 in Preble County, Ohio.[5–6]

She was the mother of Mary C Duggins who was born on 10 Dec 1855 in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States.[7–9]

Mildred lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1860.[12] Mildred Duggins is listed as a 20 year old female in the household of Henry Duggins.

She was the mother of William Henry Duggins who was born on 17 Jan 1869 in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States.[14]

She lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1870.[15] Mildred Duggins was listed as a 39 year old wife of H. J. Duggins on the 1870 census.

Mildred lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1880.[16]

She lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1910.[23]

She lived in Elmwood Township, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1920.[24]

Mildred died on 22 Feb 1922 at the age of 91 in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States.[22]

She was buried on 28 Feb 1922 in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States.[22] Henry J. Duggins and Mildred Patterson had the following children:

11. **Alice Amanda Duggins** was born on 10 Nov 1851 in Preble County, Ohio.[5–6]

She lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1860.[12] Alice is listed as an 8 year old in the household of Henry Duggins on the 1860 census.

She lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1870. Alice A. Cuttings was listed as an 18 year old female in the hosehold of H. J. Daggins on the 1870 census.

Alice lived in Millbrook Township, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1880.[25]

She lived in Radnor Township, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1900.[26]

She lived in Princeville Township, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1910.[27]

Alice lived in Princeville, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1920.[28]

She died on 10 Mar 1924 at the age of 72 in Princeville, Peoria, Illinois, United States.[5–6]

She was buried on 12 Mar 1924 at Princeville Township Cemetery in Princeville, Peoria, Illinois, United States.[5]

Alice Amanda Duggins and James Orrin Aby were married on 19 Sep 1877.[5]

James Orrin Aby was born on 5 Nov 1854 in Peoria, Illinois.

He lived in Millbrook Township, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1880.[25]

He lived in Radnor Township, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1900.[26]

James lived in Princeville Township, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1910.[27]

He lived in Princeville, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1920.[28]

He died on 17 May 1937 at the age of 82 in Princeville, Peoria, Illinois, United States.

James was buried on 19 May 1937 in Princeville, Peoria, Illinois, United States.

12. **Mary C Duggins** was born on 10 Dec 1855 in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States.[7–9]

She lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1860.[12] Mary is listed as a 4 year old in the household of Henry Duggins on the 1860 census.

She lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1870.[15] Mary C Duggins was listed on teh 1870 census as a 14 year old female int he household of H. J. Daggins.

Mary lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1880.[16]

She lived in Elmwood Township, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1900.[17]

She lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1910.[23]

Mary lived in Elmwood Township, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1920.[24]

She died on 12 Aug 1947 at the age of 91 in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States.[8–9]

She was buried on 14 Aug 1947 in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States.[8–9,29]

Mary C Duggins and Jasper Howard were married on 27 Oct 1880 in Peoria County, Illinois.[7]

Jasper Howard was born in Feb 1855 in Farmington, Fulton, Illinois, United States.

He was buried at Elmwood Township Cemetery in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States.[30]

13. **William Henry Duggins** lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1860.[12] Henry is listed as a 4 month old in the household of Henry Duggins on teh 1860 census.

He was born on 17 Jan 1869 in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States.[14]

He lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1870.[15] William Duggins was listed as a 10 year old male in the household of H. J. Daggins on the 1870 census.

William lived in Elmwood, Peoria, Illinois, United States in 1880.[16]

He died on 13 Mar 1943 at the age of 74 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois.

He was buried on 16 Mar 1943 in Dickison Cemetery, Dunlap, Peoria, Illinois, United States.

William Henry Duggins and Adelia Cora Wakefield were married on 4 Jul 1885 in Peoria County, Illinois.[14]

Adelia Cora Wakefield was born on 4 Jul 1866 in Peoria County, Illinois.

She died on 1 Jul 1941 at the age of 74 in Radnor Township, Peoria, Illinois, United States.

She was buried in Dickison Cemetery, Dunlap, Peoria, Illinois, United States.

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War News

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 22, 2024
World War II,WWII

Navy in Quick Moves, His Addresses Show

Sheriff Pete Bieri had *The Courier-Tribune* sent to Harry Bieri, on the U.S.S. *Hamman*, a light cruiser, to San Diego address three weeks ago. The address was changed this week to New York City, from which the navy mail is distributed along the east coast. Harry had written from Philadelphia. His letter home stated he was not able to say where his vessel was going or for how long but that he would drop postcards, so the censor would have no trouble. This indication of censorship is the first that has appeared that mail from Uncle Sam's forces is being inspected. It is a war move.
from the Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 19 June 1941

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It becomes the duty of each young man who did not register in the last selective service registration, and has since reached the age of 21, or will reach it on or before July 1, to present himself for registration on that date.

Registration office for the entire county will be at the selective service office, west of Jack's Market and across the street from the city hall, Seneca.

The office will be open July 1 from 7:00 in the morning until 9:00 in the evening.

Governor Payne Ratner, in proclaiming registration day, asks that employers arrange so that men working for them will have the time necessary for registration.

While but one registration office for the entire county will make considerable driving necessary from other places, it is not practical to have scattered registration places. There will probably be less than 100 persons to register.

The last registration, October 16, covered 15 years of age, men from 21 to 36. Approximately 1700 men registered. This is a little over 100 for each year in the age group.

The new registration covers even less than one year, approximately eight and a half months.

No Order on Numbering

The local board does not yet have information as to how new registrants are to be numbered for draft call. They might be added to the foot of the present list, or sandwiched between present numbers, or quotas might be set up for the new registrants.

July Call for 12 Men

Kansas has a large draft quota for July. The Nemaha board has received a "warning call" announcing that it may expect to furnish 12 men in July.

Proceeding with Questionnaires

The board continues to send questionnaire blanks to men who were in the first registration. Total of 1136 blanks had been sent out Monday night of this week.

The local board has some information about its "gross quota." It has been revised higher. The gross quota now stated for Nemaha is 314 men. It is estimated that the county now has a surprising total of 231 men in branches of the service other than this year's training and with other credits a net quota of 81 men is set for Nemaha county at the present time. This is a jump from an earlier net quota of 31.
from the Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 19 Jun 1941

The Draft to Require From Kansas, 12,134 Men

Kansas has been assigned a new draft quota of 12,134 men by national selective service headquarters, Adjutant General McLean announced Monday.

This includes the 4,657 men already inducted into service. The quota does not run for a definite period; it merely indicates the maximum number to be called until a new quota is assigned.

The state was given a gross quota of 33,269 as its share of the nation's armed forces. However, there are 21,135 Kansans in the regular army, Navy, National Guard, and Marine Corps so the draft has to furnish 12,134.
from the Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 19 June 1941

Dots Redo

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 23, 2024
DNA

Have you ever revisited a genealogy task to make improvements? For me, it's usually about refining sources to ensure their accuracy. Recently, while participating in Your DNA Guide's DNA Study Group, I realized that I hadn't fully understood the concept of "dots" in organizing DNA matches. This led to a less effective use of the tool in my research.

Initially, I applied colored dots to both my 2nd and 3rd great-grandparent couples, as well as to the shared matches of my close cousins. However, this approach created too many dots, making it difficult to interpret relationships.

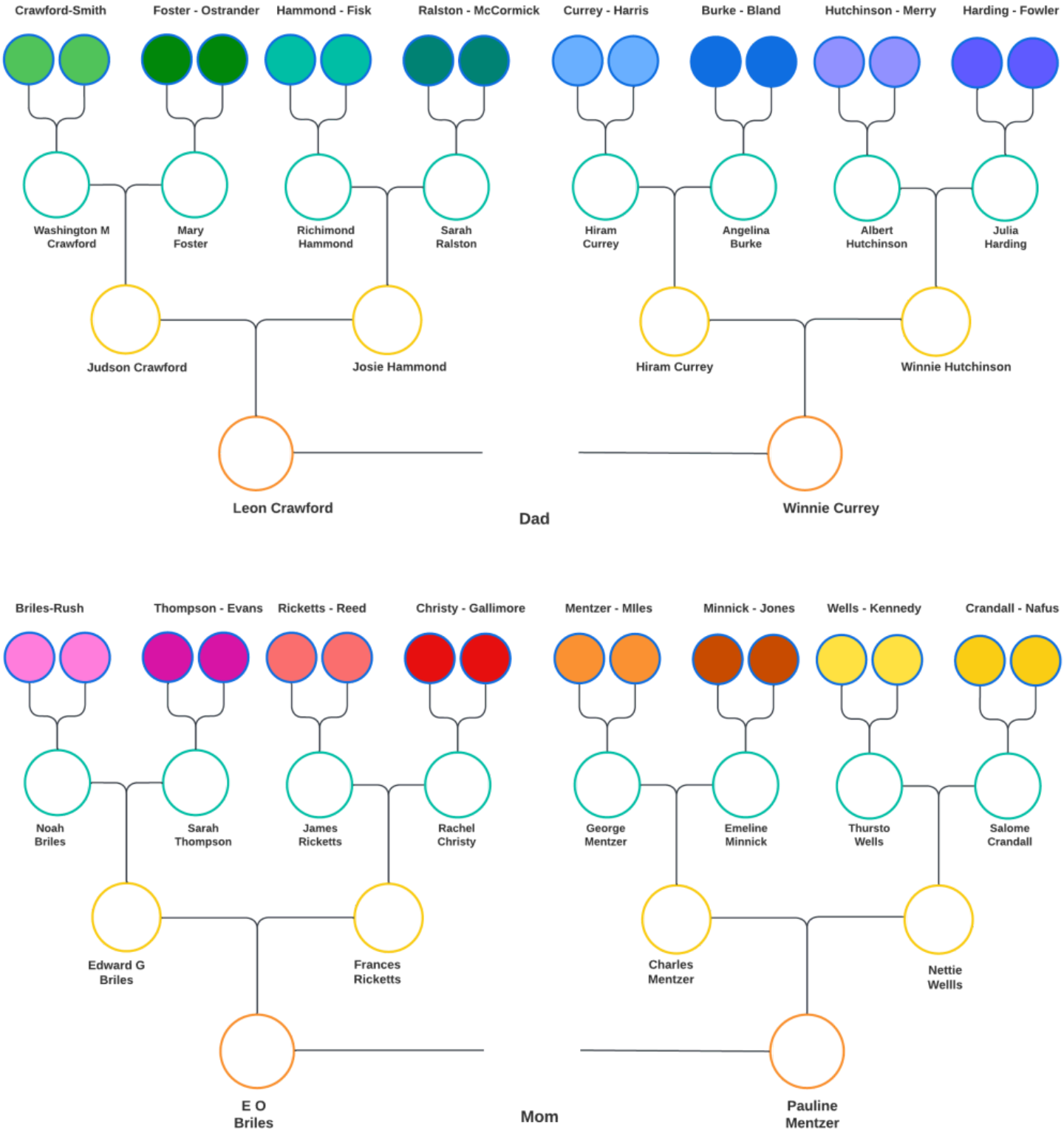
AncestryDNA Group Color Chart

3c Wells Crandall	3c Mentzer Minnick	3c Ricketts Christy	3c Briles Thompson	3c Hutchinson Harding	3c Currey Burke	3c Hammond Ralston	3c Crawford Foster
4c Wells Kennedy	4c Mentzer Miles	4c Ricketts Reed	4c Briles Rush	4c Hutchinson Merry	4c Currey Harris	4c Hammond Fisk	4c Crawford Smith
4c Crandall Nafus	4c Minnick Jones	4c Christy Gallimore	4c Thompson Evans	4c Harding Fowler	4c Burke Bland	4c Ralston McCormick	4c Foster Ostrander

So, I've decided to start over! Now, I'm focusing on my 3rd great-grandparent couples to identify matches through the siblings of my 2nd great-grandparents or known matches. Shared matches of these known individuals are getting a dot. As I go through this process, I'm keeping a few key "rules" for dotting in mind:

- **Everyone gets a dot**: Even close cousins, like my parents' first cousins, will receive dots when they share DNA with 4th cousin matches.
- **Don't remove a dot**: Even if it's from a different side of the tree, it stays.

Below, you'll find diagrams showing the group names and colors assigned to the dots.



If a match receives only a Crawford-Smith dot without a dot from any other group, it indicates that their DNA connection is somewhere along my James Crawford/Martha Smith ancestral line. However, if they have both a Crawford-Smith dot and a Foster-Ostrander dot, it suggests they are more closely related, as they share DNA through multiple lines. If they receive both a green and a pink dot, it provides a clue that my paternal and maternal ancestors may have crossed paths at some point.

Now that I have a clearer understanding of how the dots work, it's time to go back and reapply them!

William Duggins Will

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 24, 2024
Duggins,Ohio,Preble County

Thanks to FamilySearch's experimental labs, I quickly and easily discovered the will of William N. Duggins, one of Sarah Smith Duggins Crawford's grandsons.

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William N. Duggin ' s Will .
the State of Ohio Preble County S. S .
Proceeding had in the Probate Court of said County
and State of Ohio before the Hon J W King sole Judge of Court
On the 27 day of November A. D . 1875 .
In the matter of William N. Duggins Will .
This day came Sarah A Duggins and produced in
Court for Probate and record the Last Will and Testament
of her late husband William N. Duggins deceased late of said
County , and thereupon came Josias Marshall and Thos J.
Larch , the subscribing witnesses to said will , who being first
duly sworn , on oath testified to the proper execution of said
will , and their testimony was reduced to writing , signed
by said witnesses and filed with said will , and the Court
finds from said testimony , that said will was duly
signed , acknowledged , and attested and that the testator
was , at the time he so made his said will of full age

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William N. Duggin ' s Will

of sound and disposing mind , memory and judgement and not labor
ing under any unlawful restraint . It is thereupon by the Court
ordered that said will be , and the same hereby is admitted to probate
And thereupon came said Sarah A. Duggins who is named in said will
as Executrix , and caused it to appear to the Court , that said will direct
the omission of a Bond on her part as such Executrix : it is there
fore ordered that said Sarah A. Duggins be and hereby is appointed
Executrix of said Will .
J W King . Probate Judge .

The State of Ohio Preble County S. S .
Personally appeared in open Court , T. J. Parch and
Josias Marsham the subscribing witnesses of the Last Will and
Testament of said William N Duggins who is now deceased ,
who being duly sworn and affirmed according to law to speak the
truth and nothing but the truth , in relation to the execution of
said Will , depose and say that they were present at the
making of said Will , and at the request of said deceased ,
subscribed their names to said Will , as witnesses , in the presence
of the deceased , and of each other ; that they saw the said
William N. Duggins deceased , sign and seal said Will , and
heard him acknowledge the same to be his Last Will and
Testament ; that the said William N. Duggins was , at the
time of making , signing and sealing said Will , of legal

age and of sound and disposing mind , memory and judgement
and under no undue or unlawful restraint whatsoever .
Subscribed in my presence , and sworn to
before me , in open Court , this 27 ” day
of Nov . A. D . 1875 J W. King

Josias Marshall
Thos J Larsh .

Probate Judge of Preble County Ohio .
Last Will and Testament of Wm N. Duggins of Preble County
Be it remembered , that I William N. Duggins , of Preble
County and State of Ohio , of lawful age , do hereby ordain
and establish this my last Will and Testament , as
follows :
Item first , I give and bequeath to my beloved wife , Sarah
Ann Duggin ‘ s , the farm on which we now reside , in Dixon
township , Preble County , Ohio being the North West quar
ter of Section No thirteen , of said township , containing 160
acres of land moree or less, to have and to hold to her own
individual use and benefit , during her natural life , if she
should so long remain my widow Also , the West half of
the North West quarter of section No Ten (10) Town ship
No 7 (seven) of Range No 2 East , in Preble County , contain
ing eighty acres , more or less , to have and to hold to her
own individual use and benefit during the minority
of my son Isaac Robert Duggins , Also I give and
bequeath to my said wife , in lien of the statutory
provision for her years support , all the residue of my

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William N. Duggins Will
Chattel estate , after the payment of all just claims , and the dis
charge of the several legacies hereinafter mentioned .
Item 2d I hereby give and bequeath to my son Isaac Robert
Duggins , the West half of the North West quarter of section No . ten in Township No
10 in township No (7) seven of Range No . 2 . E. above mentioned ,
containing eighty acres of land , more or less ; and direct that
he be placed in possession thereof on his attaining the age of
twenty one years
Item 3d I hereby give and bequeath to my son James H Duggins
in addition to advances heretofore made to him , or hereafter to
be made him , the sum of one thousand dollars , And to my
son William T. Duggins , in addition to advances heretofore
or hereafter to be , made to him , the sum of one thousand
dollars . And to my daughter Mary D. Kincaid , with the
like proviso , the sum of one thousand dollars ; which
several legacies shall be paid to them by my Executor
hereinafter appointed , as soon as the necessary funds
shall come into his hands from my estate .
Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son Elmer E Duggins
the North half of the North West quarter of section No thirteen
(13) in township No Seven (7) of Range No One East , contain
ing eighty acres , more or less , to take possession thereof
upon the termination of the above bequest to my wife in
the first item thereof .
Item 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Cora H Duggins
the South half of the said North West quarter of section
No thirteen Township Range No One East , Containing eighty
acres , more or less , to take possession thereof upon the
termination of said bequest to my wife in the first item
of this instrument .
Item 5th I hereby appoint my beloved wife , Sarah Ann

Duggins , as the Executor of this my last will and Testament and direct that she be exonerated from giving bond , as provided by law , as such executor . And I hereby ordain and establish the above and foregoing as my last will and testament , hereby revoking all former wills and codicils whatsoever .

In witness whereof , I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal , this twenty seventh day of September A. D . 1875 . William N. Duggins ℗

Signed and acknowledged , by the above named William N. Duggins in our presence , and signed by us in his presence and at his request

Josias Marshall

Thos J. Larch .

William N Duggins Will

Chattle estate, after the payment of all just claims, and the discharge of the several legacies hereinafter mentioned.

Item 2d. I hereby give and bequeath to my son Isaac Robert Duggins, the west half of the North west quarter of section Number thirteen in Township Number Seven of Range No 2. E. above mentioned, containing eighty acres of land, more or less; and direct that he be placed in possession thereof on his attaining the age of twenty one years

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Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son Elmer E Duggins, The south half of the North West quarter of section Number thirteen (13) in township Number Seven (7) of Range No One East, containing eighty acres, more or less, to take possession thereof upon the termination of the above bequest to my wife in the first item hereof.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Cora A Duggins the South half of the said North West quarter of section Number Thirteen Township 7 Range No One East, containing eighty acres, more or less, to take possession thereof upon the termination of said bequest to my wife in the first item of this instrument.

Item 6th I hereby appoint my beloved wife, Sarah Ann Duggins, as the Executor of this my last will and Testament and direct that she be exonerated from giving bond, as provided by law, as such executor. And I hereby ordain and establish the above and foregoing as my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former will and codicils whatsoever.

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Signed and acknowledged, by the above named William N. Duggins in our presence, and signed by us in his presence and at his request

Josias Marshall

Thos J. Lasch.

Jane Clevenger Will.

890 The State of Ohio Preble County S.S.
Proceedings had in the Probate Court of said County and State of Ohio, before the Hon. J.H. King sole Judge of said Court, on the 11th day of January A.D. 1876.
In the matter of Jane Clevenger Will.
This day came Henry Kiser and produced in Court for Probate and Record the Last Will and Testament of Jane Clevenger deceased, late of said County, and at the same time came Henry Rinehart and Amannal Gifford, the subscribing witnesses to said Will, who being first duly sworn on oath testified to the making of said Will, which testimony was by the Court reduced to writing, respectively subscribed by said witnesses and filed with said Will. And the Court finds from said testimony that said Will was duly and legally signed attested and acknowledged, and that the Testatrix Jane at the time she so made the said Will of full age, of sound and disposing mind, memory, and judgement, and not laboring under any undue or unlawful influence whatsoever. It is therefore by the Court ordered that said Will be, and the same hereby is admitted to Probate, And it is further ordered, that said Will, testimony and this formal entry be Recorded in the Wills Record of this Co. &c. — And thereupon said Henry Kiser tendered to the Court his Bond as administrator with the Will annexed of said Jane Clevenger deceased — in the penalty of $1200 conditioned according to Law, with Wm Clevenger and Henry Rinehart as Sureties thereon, which Bond and sufficiency of said sureties, the Court hereby approves and accepts — And it is therefore ordered that said Henry Kiser be, and he hereby is appointed such administrator. J.H. King Probate Judge.

Proof of Will. The State of Ohio Preble County. S.S.
Probate of the Last Will of Jane Clevenger, late of Preble County Ohio, deceased presented on the 11th day of January A.D. 1876 for Probate by Henry Kiser. Personally appeared in open Court Amannal Gifford one of the subscribing witnesses of the said Last Will and Testament of said Jane Clevenger who is now deceased who being first duly sworn, according to law to speak the truth and nothing but the truth, in relation to the Execution of said Will, deposes and says, that he signed his name to said Will as a witness; that at the time the said Jane Clevenger made her said Will, as also for a long time before and since she so made her said Will, he was acquainted with said Jane Clevenger; that he believes that said Jane Clevenger was, at the time she so made her said Will of sound and disposing mind, and memory, and that further he saith not.
Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me

Friday Find

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 25, 2024
Mentzer

Continuing my journey through my MENTZER notebook, today's discovery is an obituary clipping for **Susie May Tunnicliff**, daughter of **George Mentzer**. Thanks to the invaluable efforts of the **Kansas State Historical Society** to digitize Kansas newspapers, I was able to locate this obituary online, along with two other related clippings concerning **Susan Mentzer Tunnicliff**.

The first article provides a brief notice of her passing.

> Geo. Mentzer of West Center received a telegram Wednesday afternoon that his daughter, Mrs. Susie Tunnicliff, had died that morning at her home in Iowa. The body will be brought here for burial, which will probably be Saturday or Sunday.
> *Death notice, Yates Center Argus (Yates Center, Kansas), 8 January 1909, page 4; digital image, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online 19 October 2024).*

Her obituary appeared in two newspapers from Woodson County, Kansas.

> TUNNICLIFF
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> Susie May Mentzer was born Feb. 18, 1873, near Yates Center, Kansas. She became a member of the M. E. church of Yates Center at the age of eighteen.
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> She grew to womanhood in Woodson county, Kansas and was married to Edward Tunnicliff, of Shenandoah, Iowa, on Sept. 29, 1902, and removed from Yates Center to that place where she has resided since, and she died Jan. 6, 1909, at Shenandoah, aged 35 years, 10 months and 6 days. She leaves a husband, father, mother, one sister and six brothers to mourn her loss.
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> The body was brought here for burial in the Yates Center cemetery. Funeral services were conducted at the family residence Friday afternoon by Rev. H. A. Church.
> *"Tunnicliff," Woodson County Advocate (Yates Center, Kansas), 22 January 1909, page 5; digital image, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online 19 October 2024).*

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She grew to womanhood in Woodson county, Kansas, and was married to Edward Tunnicliff, of Shenandoah, Iowa, on Sept. 29, 1902, and removed from Yates Center to that place where she has resided since, and she died Jan. 6, 1909, at Shenandoah, aged 35 years, 10 months and 6 days. She leaves a husband, father, mother, one sister and six brothers to mourn her loss.
The body was brought here for burial in the Yates Center cemetery. Funeral services were conducted at the family residence Friday afternoon by Rev. H. A. Church.
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Using a narrative report produced by RootsMagic, ChatGPT produced the following narrative about Susan Mentzer and her husband, Charles

Susan May Mentzer was born on **February 18, 1873**, near Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas, to **George Mentzer** and **Emiline Minnick**. She grew up in Woodson County, where she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of eighteen. Susan lived with her family in Center Township, Woodson County, and was active in her local community. In 1891, she became a confirmed member of the church and continued to reside in the area until her marriage.

On **September 29, 1902**, Susan married **Charles Edward Tunnicliff** in Fort Morgan, Colorado. Charles was born on **September 26, 1874**, in Page County, Iowa. After their marriage, the couple moved to **Shenandoah, Iowa**, where they would establish their home.

Susan passed away unexpectedly on **January 6, 1909**, at the age of 35, in Shenandoah. She left behind her grieving husband, her father George, mother Emiline, one sister, and six brothers. Her death was a significant loss to both her family and community. Susan's body was brought back to Yates Center, Kansas, for burial, where a funeral service was held at the family residence. She was laid to rest in **Yates Center Cemetery**.

Charles continued to live in Shenandoah after Susan's death. He registered for the World War I draft on **September 12, 1918**. He lived to be 89 years old, passing away on **December 26, 1963**. Charles was buried in **Rose Hill Cemetery** in Shenandoah, Iowa, near the place where they had lived.

Below is the RootsMagic report and the sources used:

. **Susan May Mentzer** was born on 18 Feb 1873 in Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas.[1]

She was born on 28 Feb 1873 in Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas.[2–7]

She was the child of George Mentzer and Emiline Minnick.[6,8–10]

Susan lived in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas on 11 Jun 1880.[11] Susan was listed as the 6 year old daughter of Geo Mentzer. Susan was born in Kansas.

She lived a 12 year old female born KS and was listed as G. Mentzer in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas on 1 Mar 1885.[12]

In 1891, she was a member in Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas.[4]

Susan lived a 21 year old female born Kansas and was listed as Susan Mentzer in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas on 1 Jul 1895.[13]

She lived in Center Township, Woodson County, Kansas on 26 Jun 1900.[14] Susan M Mentzer was listed as the daughter of George Mentzer on the 1900 census. According to the census, Susan M was born Feb 1873 in Kansas.

She lived in Sheanandoah, Page County, Iowa after 29 Sep 1902.[15]

Susan died on 6 Jan 1909 at the age of 35 in Sheanandoah, Page County, Iowa.[1,3,5,8,16–21]

She was buried after 6 Jan 1909 at Yates Center Cemetery in Yates Center, Woodson County, Kansas.[1,3–5,16]

Susan May Mentzer and Charles Edward Tunnicliff were married on 29 Sep 1902 in Fort Morgan, Morgan, Colorado, United States.[1,15,22–25]

Charles Edward Tunnicliff was born on 26 Sep 1874 in Page, Iowa, United States.[26–27]

He lived in Sheanandoah, Page County, Iowa after 29 Sep 1902.[15]

He registered for the military draft on 12 Sep 1918 in Shenandoah, Page, Iowa, United States.[28]

Charles lived in Grant Township, Page, Iowa, United States in 1920.[29]

He died on 26 Dec 1963 at the age of 89 in Sheanandoah, Page County, Iowa.[26]

He was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Sheanandoah, Page County, Iowa.[26]

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Thanks ChatGPT for your help with this blog post!

Saturday Tidbits

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
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Nemaha County

As part of Seneca's Oktoberfest celebration, I helped create displays that highlighted the stories of German immigrants who settled in Nemaha County, Kansas. One of the key displays focused on the likely experiences and preparations of the Bernard Rothers family, who immigrated to the U.S. aboard the ship *Gera*, arriving in Baltimore in October 1892. The display explored what the family might have packed for their journey, offering a glimpse into the challenges and hopes of immigrants at that time.

- Bernard – 48 years old
  - Born in Wesphalen
  - Farmer
- Wilhemina—45 years old
- Bernard—16 years old
- Henrich—16 years old
- Marie—15 years old
- Minna—13 years old
- Wilhelm—9 years old
- August—7 years old

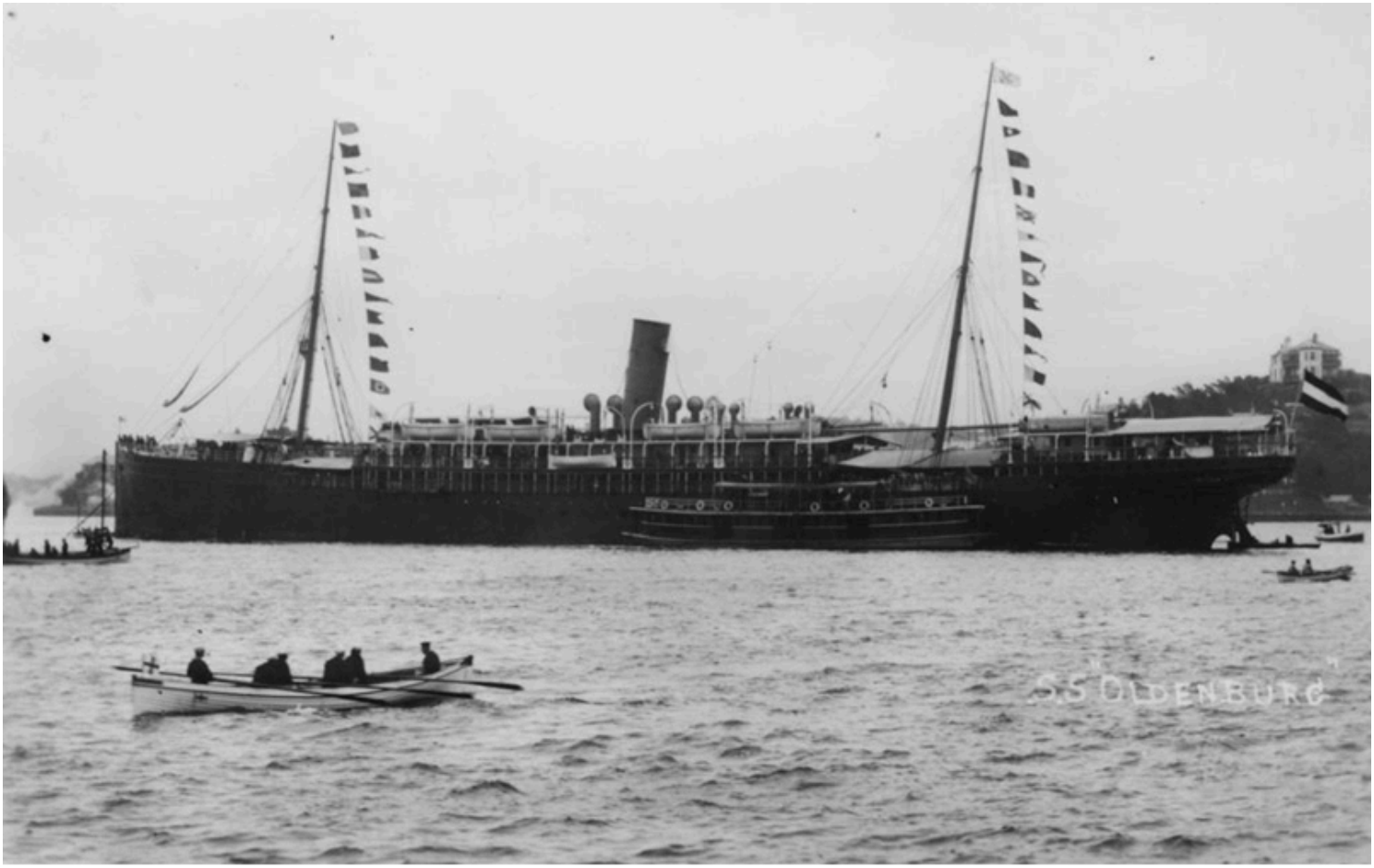
A transcription of August Rothers' declaration of naturalization can be found on the **Naturalization Book 1** page of the Nemaha County History and Genealogy website.

> August ROTHERS, farmer aged 21, of Reilly Twp., Nemaha Co., KS, was born on 18 June 1885 in Horndro(ss), Germany. August immigrated from Horndro(ss), Germany aboard the Gera, North German Lloyd. He arrived in Baltimore on 2 Oct 1892. August Rothers filed a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States on 9 Oct 1906 with the district court of Nemaha County. *Nemaha County Kansas Naturalization Book 1*

A search on Perplexity.ai for details about the ship *Gera* yielded the following information:

The Ship: *Gera*

- **Built by Norddeutscher Lloyd**: The *Gera* was a steamship operated by the Norddeutscher Lloyd company, one of the main transatlantic shipping lines of the 19th century.
- **Capacity**: The *Gera* could carry nearly 2,000 passengers, with over 95% of the capacity allocated to steerage class, which was primarily used by immigrants.
- **Voyage to America**: The *Gera* made regular trips between Germany and the United States. In 1892, it departed from Bremen and arrived in Baltimore, carrying the Rothers family and other immigrants.
- **Faster, More Reliable Travel**: As a steamship, the *Gera* offered faster and more predictable voyages than older sailing vessels.



Given that the Rothers family likely traveled in steerage class, I used Perplexity.ai to explore what that experience might have been like, uncovering the following information:

Conditions in Steerage

- **Crowded and Cramped Quarters**: Steerage passengers, like the Rothers family, were packed into large dormitory-style rooms with little privacy or personal space. Up to 1,901 steerage passengers shared these tight quarters.
- **Basic Sleeping Arrangements**: Passengers slept in bunk beds with straw mattresses, often in unsanitary conditions. They had to provide their own bedding.
- **Poor Ventilation**: During rough weather, the hatches were closed, making the air inside unbearable and contributing to health concerns.
- **Minimal Personal Space**: Each passenger's belongings had to fit in a single trunk or bag that could be stored in their bunk. Space for personal items was very limited.

Food and Meals

- **Simple, Basic Diet**: Steerage passengers were served three meals a day, typically consisting of bread, soup, potatoes, and sometimes eggs or low-quality meat. Food was often served from communal kettles.
- **Poor Quality**: The food provided to steerage passengers was described as "miserable" and not sanitary, adding to the discomfort of the voyage.

Journey Duration and Arrival

- **Length of Voyage**: The journey from Bremen to Baltimore typically took about two weeks, depending on weather conditions.
- **Arrival in America**: After enduring steerage, the passengers would finally disembark in the United States, where they were inspected and processed by immigration authorities before beginning their new lives.

Sanitation and Health

- **Limited Hygiene Facilities**: Washing and toilet facilities were basic and often inadequate for the large number of passengers. Dishwashing was done with limited access to warm water.
- **Health Concerns**: The lack of sanitation and ventilation often led to the spread of illness among passengers, compounded by the crowded conditions.

The Immigrant Experience

- **Overcoming Hardships**: Despite the harsh conditions in steerage, immigrants like the Rothers family endured the journey in hopes of a better life in America. The lack of comfort was offset by the promise of opportunities in the New World.
- **Shared Struggles and Support**: Passengers often bonded over shared struggles, forming small communities within steerage. This mutual support helped them endure the difficult crossing.

Curious about what a family might pack in a trunk for the voyage, I turned to Perplexity.ai to compile a list of likely items.

Clothing and Personal Items

- **Sturdy Work Clothes**: Practical, durable clothes like wool trousers and cotton shirts for men, long skirts and blouses for women.
- **Shoes**: Likely one pair of leather shoes per person, well-worn and durable for the journey.
- **Warm Jackets or Coats**: Essential for colder weather during the transatlantic crossing.
- **Blankets and Bedding**: Personal blankets as steerage passengers had to provide their own bedding.

Practical Items

- **Family Bible and Important Documents**: Including birth certificates, marriage licenses, and possibly a prayer book or hymnal.
- **Photographs and Small Keepsakes**: Items that helped maintain their connection to their homeland.
- **Basic Tools**: If the father was a farmer, they might have brought basic tools essential for starting a new life.
- **Sewing Kit**: Essential for mending clothes during the long voyage and upon arrival.

Food and Provisions

- **Non-Perishable Foods**: Items like dried meats, hard cheeses, bread, dried fruits, and nuts to sustain them during the voyage.
- **Pickled and Preserved Foods**: Sauerkraut and other pickled items for nutrients, especially vitamin C, to avoid scurvy.

Miscellaneous and Personal Hygiene

- **Personal Hygiene Items**: Soap, combs, and perhaps a razor.
- **Small Amount of Currency**: For immediate needs upon arrival in the U.S.
- **Religious Items**: A small crucifix, rosary, or prayer book reflecting the family's faith.

Cultural and Comfort Items

- **Musical Instruments**: If space allowed, perhaps a small, portable instrument like a harmonica.
- **Cookbooks or Recipes**: To maintain traditional German cooking after arriving in America.

Throughout the research for this project, Perplexity.ai was used to answer various questions. The questions, along with the answers and citations, were compiled into a file. ChatGPT then extracted the citations from this file to create a comprehensive master list.

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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
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Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Form a research question and ask an Artificial Intelligence agent to create a genealogy research plan for you.

The first step of this process is one that I don't do well: forming a research question. Thus, I sought some help with how to write a good research question.

I found Family History Fanatics blog post, What Is Your Research Quesion, a big help. When I asked Perplexity 'how do I write a good genealogy research question', I got a detailed answer along with prompts to expand on the answer.

> To write a good genealogy research question, follow these guidelines:
>
> ## Be Specific and Focused
>
> A quality research question should:
>
> - Identify a unique individual in time and place
> - Be answerable with available records and resources
> - Have a clear objective
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> For example, instead of asking "Who were Thomas Mitchell's parents?", a better question would be:
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> "Who were the parents of Thomas Carroll Mitchell who died in Montgomery County, Missouri on 29 April 1914?"[1]
>
> This specifies the exact Thomas Mitchell you're researching and provides key details to guide your search.
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> ## Include Known Information
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> Incorporate relevant known facts about the person or family to narrow the scope:
>
> - Full names
> - Dates of important events (birth, marriage, death)
> - Locations
> - Names of spouses, children, or other relatives
>
> For instance:
>
> "What is the birth date and place of Christian Christopher Hoppe, who married Anna Margaretha Kalsberger on 12 April 1859 in Franklin County, Ohio, and father of Christian, Marguerite, and Anna Hoppe?"[2]
>
> ## Focus on Specific Types of Information
>
> Common types of genealogy research questions include:
>
> - When and where events occurred
> - Family relationships (parents, spouses, children)
> - Biographical details

Examples:

- “When did Delbert Hanks, of Altus, Oklahoma, die and where was he buried?”
- “Who was the first wife of Edward T. Rang of Akron, Summit County, Ohio, and when did they marry?”
- “Did William Townsend serve in the Civil War?”[2]

Consider Available Resources

Ensure your question can be answered using records and resources you can access. Focus on official records like:

- Census records
- Vital records (birth, marriage, death certificates)
- Military records
- Land records
- Newspaper archives[3]

Refine as You Research

As you gather information, you may need to adjust your question or generate new ones. Start with broader questions and narrow them down as you learn more details about your ancestors.

By following these guidelines, you’ll create focused research questions that guide your genealogical investigations effectively and help you break through brick walls in your family history research.

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What are some common pitfalls when writing genealogy research questions +

How can I ensure my genealogy research question is not too broad or too narrow +

What specific details should I include in a genealogy research question to make it effective +

How do I determine the best resources to use for my genealogy research question +

Can you provide examples of well-crafted genealogy research questions +

Below are some of the ‘simple’ research questions that I’d like to ask:

- Who are the parents of James Crawford (1772-1854) who married Sally (Smith) Duggins in 1799 in Garrard county, Kentucky?
- What happened to the Hiram M. Currey who resided in Peoria county, Illinois in the 1840s. In 1844, he was named as a school trustee in Woodford county, Illinois. His stepson, Harris Whitaker also disappears from records about this same time.
- Where did Hiram Mirick Currey die. He resigned as treasurer of Ohio in 1820 and is named in several court cases in Ohio after that concerning his time in office. He was the executor of the estate of Lemuel Lane in 1830 and may have been living in Tippecanoe county, Indiana in 1830.

But the question I'm going to use would be the following:

Who is the father of Salley Smith, whose mother Ann Shoemaker, gave consent for her marriage to Alexander Duggins, Jr. in 1788 in Amherst county Virginia. Alexander and Salley were the parents of Henry Duggins (1788-1852) and William A. Duggins (1794-1872). Alexander died before 1799 when Salley married James Crawford in Garrard County, Kentucky.

Like Randy, I asked Perplexity for help.

> Please form a genealogy research plan and share it based on the following research question: Who is the father of Salley Smith, whose mother Ann Shoemaker, gave consent for her marriage to Alexander Duggins, Jr. in 1788 in Amherst county Virginia. Alexander and Salley were the parents of Henry Duggins (1788-1852) and William A. Duggins (1794-1872). Alexander died before 1799 when Salley married James Crawford in Garrard County, Kentucky. Salley and James, along with Salley's sons Henry and William, migrated to Preble County, Ohio from Kentucky.

To research the father of Salley Smith, I would propose the following genealogy research plan:

1. Gather Known Information

First, let's summarize the known facts:

- Salley Smith married Alexander Duggins Jr. in 1788 in Amherst County, Virginia
- Salley's mother was Ann Shoemaker, who gave consent for the marriage
- Salley and Alexander had two known sons:
- Henry Duggins (1788-1852)
- William A. Duggins (1794-1872)
- Alexander Duggins Jr. died before 1799
- Salley remarried to James Crawford in 1799 in Garrard County, Kentucky
- Salley, James, and Salley's sons later migrated to Preble County, Ohio

2. Research in Amherst County, Virginia

Search Marriage Records

- Look for the 1788 marriage record of Salley Smith and Alexander Duggins Jr.
- Check for any additional information about Salley's parents

Examine Land and Tax Records

- Search for Smith and Shoemaker families in Amherst County
- Look for potential father candidates among Smith landowners

Investigate Probate Records

- Search for wills or estate records of Smith men who died between 1770-1788

- Look for mentions of Salley or Ann Shoemaker

3. Explore Shoemaker Family Connections

Research Ann Shoemaker's Family

- Look for marriage records of Ann Shoemaker
- Search for Shoemaker family wills and probate records
- Investigate Shoemaker land records for possible connections to Smith families

4. Expand Search to Neighboring Counties

Investigate Surrounding Virginia Counties

- Extend the search to counties adjacent to Amherst, such as Bedford, Campbell, and Nelson
- Look for Smith and Shoemaker families in these areas

5. DNA Testing and Analysis

Conduct DNA Testing

- Encourage descendants of Salley Smith to take DNA tests
- Look for matches with Smith surnames in Virginia

Analyze DNA Results

- Use genetic genealogy techniques to identify potential Smith ancestors
- Build out family trees of DNA matches to find common ancestors

6. Research Migration Patterns

Trace Family Movements

- Investigate the migration route from Virginia to Kentucky and then to Ohio
- Look for other families who followed similar migration patterns

7. Examine Historical Context

Study Local History

- Research the social and economic conditions in Amherst County in the late 18th century
- Look for events that might have influenced family movements or relationships

By systematically working through these steps, we can increase the chances of identifying Salley Smith's father and expanding our understanding of her family history.

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Again, there are more questions that can be asked.

What records are available for marriages in Amherst County, Virginia during the late 18th century +

Are there any historical documents or records of Salley Smith's family in Garrard County, Kentucky +

How can I access the genealogical records of Preble County, Ohio from the early 19th century +

What are the best resources for tracing family migrations from Virginia to Kentucky and then to Ohio +

Are there any notable historical events or records in Amherst County, Virginia that might help identify Salley Smith's father +

For a 'follow-up' question, I asked about resources for Amherst county, Virginia.

> what historical, genealogical and/or biographical records are there for Amherst county, Virginia that would help identify this Smith family?
>
> Based on the search results and the query, there are several key resources available for researching the Smith family in Amherst County, Virginia in the late 18th century:
>
> 1. Marriage Records:
> The "Marriage Bonds and Other Marriage Records of Amherst County, Virginia 1763-1800" compiled by William Montgomery Sweeny is a crucial resource. This volume contains:
>
> - Names of couples
> - Marriage dates
> - Surety information
> - Consent details
>
> It covers the exact time period needed (1788) and is arranged alphabetically by men's names with an index for women's names[2].
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> 2. County Court Records:
> The Amherst County Clerk of the Circuit Court has various records dating back to the county's formation in 1761, including:
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> - Marriage records from 1763
> - Land records from 1761
> - Probate records from 1761
> - Court records from 1761[1]
>
> 2. Tax Records:
> The 1783 Amherst County Tax Lists are mentioned as being available, which could help identify Smith families in the area[1].
> 3. Land Records:
> Examining land records from 1761 onward could help identify potential Smith family members and their properties[1].
> 4. Probate Records:
> Wills and estate records from 1761 onward may provide information on Smith family relationships and property[1].

5. Local Historical Societies:
   The Amherst County Museum & Historical Society may have additional resources or local knowledge about Smith families in the area[1].
6. Online Databases:
   Several online resources are mentioned that may contain relevant records:

- USGenWeb Archives for Amherst County
- Virginia Data Collection on Ancestry.com
- FamilySearch's United States Research Wiki[1]

To research the Smith family effectively, I would recommend:

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2. Check the original county court records for more details on the marriage and any related documents.
3. Examine tax lists and land records to identify Smith families in Amherst County around that time.
4. Look for probate records of Smith men who died between 1770-1788 for possible mentions of Salley or her mother Ann Shoemaker.
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Citations:
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[3] https://southeastohiohistory.org/genealogy-center-library/
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[8] https://amherstcountymuseum.org/history.html

So, how did Perplexity do?

My only issue with the reponse is in regards to the suggestion to use DNA testing. Sarah Smith Crawford is my 4th great grandmother. I quetion this responsesince most genetic genealogists would caution about being able to use autosomal DNA to identify a 5th great grandparent.

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Isaac Duggins Deed

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 28, 2024
Duggins,Ohio,Preble County

Using FamilySearch's Experimental Labs site, an Isaac Duggins deed was uncovered that helps document the relationship between Isaac and his father William N. Duggins.

Preble Deeds 1883-1884, 1884
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Deeds v. 81-82 1883 1884
Film 564944 DGS 008588022

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS
That Isaac R Duggins Mary F Duggins his wife
of the County of Preble and State of Ohio
in consideration of
Five Thousand Six hundred Dollars
to them paid by George W Straw of the aforesaid
County and State
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged , do hereby GRANT , BARGAIN , SELL AND CONVEY to the said
Geo W. Straw
The following Real Estate Situate in the County of Preble
State of Ohio and described as follows to wit
being the west half of the North West Quarter of Section
Number Ten (10) Township Number seven (7) of range Two
(2) East containing Eighty acres of land more or less
and being the Same land conveyed by will to said Isaac
R Duggins by William N Duggins Deceased and of
Record in Probate Court Ohio
and all the Estate, Title and Interest of the said Isaac R Duggins and
Mary F Duggins his wife
either in Law or Equity of in and to the said premises ; Together with all the privilges and appurtenances to the same belonging , and all the rents , issues , and profits thereof ; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same to the only proper use
of the said George W Straw
his heirs and assigns forever
and the said Isaac R Duggins and Mary F Duggins
who for themselves and for their heirs executors and administrators do hereby
COVENANT win the said George W Straw
his heirs and assigns , that they are
the true and lawful owners of the said premises , and have full power to convey the same ; that the title , so conveyed ,
is CLEAR , FREE AND UNINCUMBERED ; and further that they Will WARRANT AND DEFEND the same against all
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as follows 1st Mortgage given Mch 27 " 1882 for $ 500 , due
in five years from the date thereof 2nd Mortgage given
April 26 " 1889 for $ 600 . and due in three years from
the date thereof said Granter George W Straw assumes and
agrees to pay said Mortgage

IN WITNESS WHEREOF , The said Isaac R Duggins Together with
Mary F Duggins his wife
who hereby releases her right and expectancy of DOWER
in the said premises , have hereunto . set Their hands and seals , this 6th day of

August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four
Isaac R Duggins
Mary F Duggins

Signed , Sealed and Acknowledged , in presence of us

E. F. M. Marsh
W. B. Marsh
The State of Ohio , County of Preble , SS :
BE IT REMEMBERED , That on the 6 ” day of August, in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighty four, before me
the subscriber , a Notary Public in and for said County , personally came
Isaac R Duggins and Mary F Duggins

the grantors in the foregoing Deed and acknowledged the signing and sealing thereof to be their voluntary act and deed , for the uses and purposes therein mentioned . And the said Mary F Duggins
wife of the said Isaac H Duggins
being examined by me separate and apart from he said husband , and the contents of said Deed being by me made known to her as the statute directs, declared that She did voluntarily
sign, seal and acknowledge the same , and that She is still satisfied therewith , as her act and deed ,
for the uses and purposes therein mentioned
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF , I have hereunto subscribed my name , and affixed
my Notarial seal , on the day and year aforesaid ,
N B Marsh Notary Public
PCO
Presented for Record on the 7th day of Aug at 8 o ‘ clock , A. M.

J. N . Amereman County Recorder

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War News

By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 29, 2024
Nemaha County,World War II,WWII

Register Tuesday!

All young men who have reached 21 since last registration day are to register this Tuesday, July 1, for selective service. It is a duty imposed by the government. Registration office for Nemaha county will be at the regular office of the county service board, across the street from the city hall in Seneca. The office will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Registration cards compare closely to those used the first time. Among points registrants will be asked are telephone number, date and place of birth, name and address of person who will always know the registrant's address.
Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 30 June 1941, page 1

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SMOMs Works

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October 30, 2024
DNA

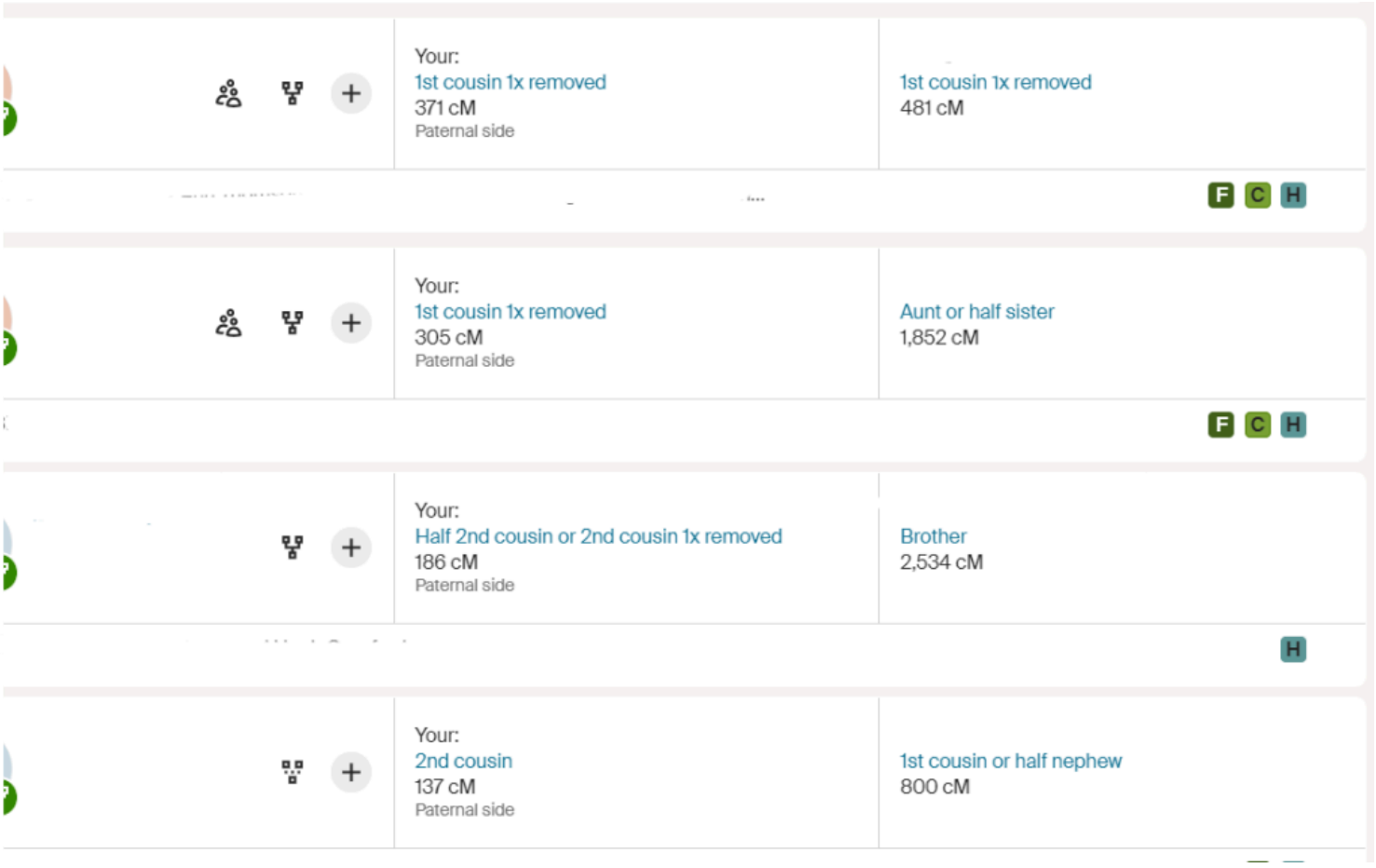
Shared Matches of Matches

Do you ever feel overwhelmed? I'm feeling a bit like that right now after signing up for two of **Your DNA Guide's** courses. While I enjoy the structure of the courses—especially the ability to re-watch videos and complete guided practice (or "homework")—it can still feel like a lot to take in.

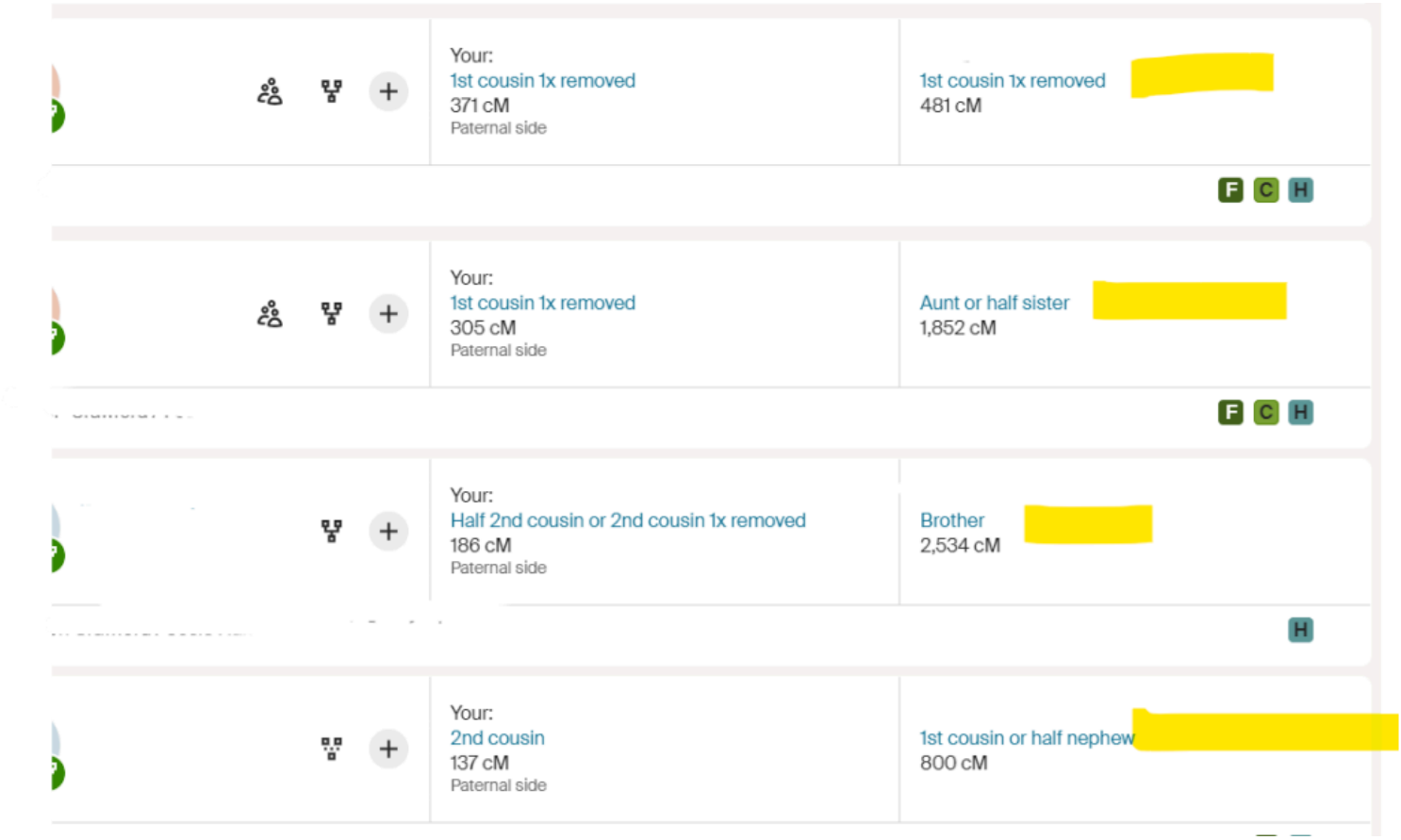
For example, I recently finished the videos for Unit 4 of the **Shared Matches of Matches** course. I understood the steps but had trouble visualizing how they would help. My confusion stemmed from focusing on **what I shared with the match**, rather than **what the match shared with others**.

So, I decided to put the lesson into practice with my own DNA matches. I found a 'mystery match' who shares **189 cM** with me. According to Ancestry, this person is likely a **half second cousin** on my dad's side. When I checked our shared matches, it confirmed the relationship on my dad's side and suggested that we might share a common ancestor in my great-grandparents.

As I looked through the shared matches, I found a group of four matches who each share more than **400 cM** with my 'mystery match'.



At first, I didn't realize it, but Ancestry is actually predicting a relationship between my 'mystery match' and our shared matches.



Even though my ‘mystery match’ used initials instead of a full name, the information from our shared matches allowed me to identify them as someone already in my genealogy file. This was a true ‘Aha!’ moment—not only did I grasp the process, but I could also clearly see how it could help with other, more distant DNA matches.

Now, I just need to finish watching the remaining videos and complete the homework so I can learn how to properly log the steps and tackle more ‘mystery matches.’

Piecing Together a Family

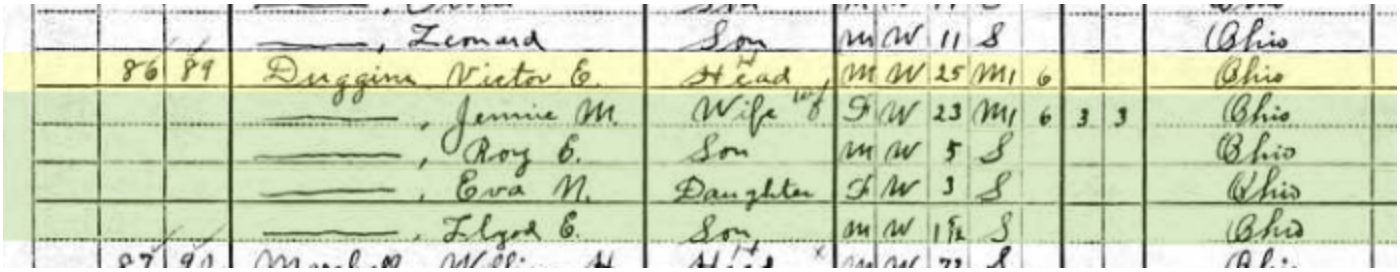
By Marcia Crawford Philbrick
October 31, 2024
Duggins,Preble County

Do you conduct descendancy research? If so, do you use the FamilySearch tree or other genealogical platforms as your starting point? I've been researching the descendants of my 4th great-grandmother, Sarah Smith, through her first husband, Alexander Duggins. I often rely on the FamilySearch tree to structure a family before documenting it.

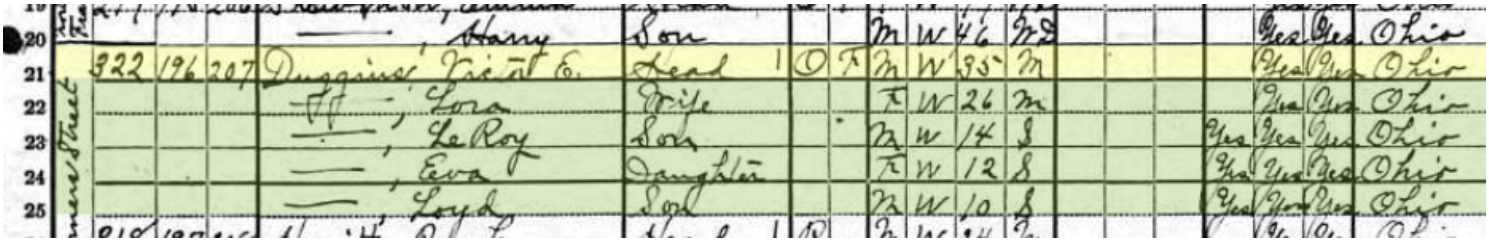
Recently, I encountered a dilemma while researching Victor Duggins, Sarah's great-grandson. According to the FamilySearch tree, Victor had four children:

- Leroy Ellsworth Duggins(1905-1951)
- Eva Nola Duggins(1907-1997)
- Lloyd Elmer Duggins (1908-1962)
- Alma Leona Duggins (1911-1987)

The 1910 census for Preble county, Ohio shows Victor with his first wife, Jennie, and their children.



However, by the 1920 census, Victor is listed with his second wife, and only three children—Leroy, Eva, and Lloyd—are mentioned.



Alma, who would have been about nine years old, is conspicuously absent from the 1920 record, raising questions about the accuracy of the tree.

To resolve this discrepancy, additional records are essential to confirm Alma's relationship with her parents or siblings. Jennie's 1912 obituary states that she was the mother of four children, suggesting Alma, born in 1911, could indeed belong to this family despite her absence in the 1920 census.

> The body of Mrs. Jennie Duggins, wife of Lurton Duggins, of Sugar Valley, who died of tuberculosis at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lou Burkett, in Baldwin, Mich., arrived in Eaton Sunday. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the Christian church, conducted by the Rev. H. A. Smith, of Dayton, and the burial was made in Mound Hill cemetery. Mrs. Duggins is survived by four small children, besides her husband and many other relatives.

Alma's obituary names Eva Doty as a sister.

Alma Leona Doty

MILTON — Alma Leona Doty, 76, 108 E. Walnut St., died Thursday afternoon at her home of an apparent heart attack.

She was a native of Eaton, Ohio, and had lived in the Bentonville area for more than 25 years. She had lived in Avon Park, Fla., for several years, spending the summers in the Milton area. She was a retired store clerk,

having worked in the Danner Variety Store in Cambridge City, in the late 1950s and early ’60s. She was a member of the Christian Church and the Grange, both at Avon Park, and was a volunteer at Walker Memorial Hospital there. She was the widow of Robert B. Doty.

Survivors include three sons, Joe E., and Fred A., both of R.R. 1, Cambridge City, and Thomas H. of Mount Pulaski, Ill.; one sister, Eva Nola Doty of Lakeland, Fla.; 19 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service for Alma Leona Doty will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at Howard & Son Capitol Hill Chapel at Cambridge City, with the Rev. Thomas Waters of Milton Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Fairmount Cemetery, Camden, Ohio. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

This establishes a connection between Alma and her sister, Eva, but does not provide a link between Alma and her brothers, Leroy and Lloyd. Fortunately, Leroy’s obituary offers a clearer picture by naming all of his siblings, which helps solidify the connection between Alma and her brothers.

Leroy E. Duggins

EATON. — Leroy E. Duggins, 46-year-old auto mechanic, died in Richmond Sunday night after an illness of one day. He resided at 213 North Walnut street here.

Survivors include the widow, Edith; his father Victor of Troy; two daughters, Mrs. Regina Overholts and Mrs. Janice Worley, both of Eaton; two sons, Everett and Maurice of Eaton; two sisters, Mrs. Eva Weldy of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Mrs. Alma Doty of Cambridge City; one brother, Lloyd of Troy, Ohio, and one grandchild.

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According to the census records, Victor Duggins is shown with only three children: Leroy, Eva, and Lloyd. However, I was able to find multiple obituaries that confirm Alma's connection to her siblings. While my research is not yet exhaustive, this case

highlights the importance of consulting a variety of records when documenting a family, rather than relying on just a few sources.